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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

NO. H-41828 LA

ORDER TO DESIST AND REFRAIN

(B&P Code Section 10086)

IRONWOOD VELVET dba Ironwood Management, DEBRA MCNEIL, KELSEY RODRIGUEZ. NATALI HERNANDEZ, ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND Respondents,

The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") caused an investigation to be made into the activities of ALEX MAGANA, IRONWOOD VELVET dba Ironwood Management, DEBRA MCNEIL, KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, NATALI HERNANDEZ, and ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND ("Respondents"). Based on the investigation, the Commissioner has determined that Respondents have engaged in, are engaging in, or are attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") and/or Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), including the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming to act as, a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Code Section 10131(b) (Leases or rents or offers to lease or

 rent, or places for rent, or solicits listings of places for rent, or solicits for prospective tenants, or collects rents from real property, or improvements thereon), also known as property management activities. Furthermore, based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to Respondents, those acts are alleged to have been done by Respondents acting by themselves, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- At no time herein mentioned have ALEX MAGANA, IRONWOOD VELVET dba Ironwood Management, DEBRA MCNEIL, KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, and NATALI HERNANDEZ been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 2. ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND ("TOWNSEND") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code as a real estate salesperson, Department of Real Estate License ID 02067540. TOWNSEND was first licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson on or about June 14, 2018. TOWNSEND's real estate salesperson license will expire on June 13, 2022. TOWNSEND's current responsible broker is JW Enterprises.
- 3. For an unknown period of time prior to July 2019, and continuing to the present, said Respondents solicited rental property management contracts and proceeded to do one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation: lease or rent or offer to lease or rent, or place for rent, or solicit listings of places for rent, or solicit for prospective tenants, or collect rents from real property, or improvements thereon.
- 4. On or about July 25, 2019, S. Ehrlich ("Ehrlich"), Office Manager for Ironwood Properties, emailed Department Special Investigator Crawford that ALEX MAGANA worked as a Property Manager at the property "Arbor Fields," located at "530 West Jackman Street, Lancaster;" that IRONWOOD VELVET LLC engaged in property

management activities; that DEBRA MCNEIL worked as a Property Manager at the property "Arbor on Date," located at "44927 Date Ave., Lancaster," and as a Property Manager at the property "Arbor Lofts" located at 661 West Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster;" that KELSEY RODRIGUEZ worked as a Property Manager at the property "Sagebrush Apartments" located at "715 West Milling St., Lancaster;" that NATALI HERNANDEZ worked as a Property Manager at the property "Arbor Court" located at "44916 North 10th St., West Lancaster;" and that ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND worked as a Property Manager at the property "Cedar Ridge" located at "2105 East Ave, J-8 Lancaster." Ehrlich further stated that the Property Manager is "responsible for the day-to-day operations of the property including but not limited to, resident relations, leasing, rent collections, compliance, office administration, and maintenance."

- 5. In the instances alleged above, Respondents, except ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND, performed real estate activities that require a license and collected compensation for engaging in such activities when they were not licensed by the Department. ASHLEY TOWNSEND is licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson, was not working under a real estate broker, as required for the property manager activities she was engaging in.
- 6. The conduct of Respondents, and their agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators includes the actions taken with regard to the properties described above by way of example, but is by no means limited to those properties and their owners.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Based on the findings of fact contained in paragraphs 1 through 6, above, Respondents, acting by themselves, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators solicited real property management contracts and collected a fee to do one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation: lease or rent or offer to lease or rent, or place for rent, or solicit listings of places for rent, or solicit for prospective tenants, or collect rents from real property, or

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improvements thereon, all of which requires a real estate broker license under Code Section
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     10131(b), when ALEX MAGANA, IRONWOOD VELVET dba Ironwood Management,
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     DEBRA MCNEIL, KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, NATALI HERNANDEZ, and ASHLEY
     TOWNSEND have never been licensed by the Department to conduct such activities, in
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     violation of Code Section 10130.
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## **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, ALEX MAGANA, IRONWOOD VELVET dba Ironwood Management, DEBRA MCNEIL, KELSEY RODRIGUEZ, NATALI HERNANDEZ, and ASHLEY LAKAY TOWNSEND whether under their own names or under any other names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required, and in particular, doing one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation: lease or rent or offer to lease or rent, or place for rent, or solicit listings of places for rent, or solicit for prospective tenants, or collect rents from real property, or improvements thereon, or engage in rental property management activities of any kind whatsoever unless and until they obtain a real estate broker license issued by the Department.

DATED: 5 · 13 · 21

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY Real Estate Commissioner

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**Notice:** Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)."

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