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#### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of:	)	DRE No. H-42686 LA
TEMEREALTY CORPORATION, JAMES WILLIAM MUCCIOLA, individually and as former designated officer of Temerealty Corporation, and QUN XIAO,	)	
Respondents.	)	

### DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on January 30, 2024, and the Findings of Fact set forth herein, which are based on one or more of the following: (1) The express admissions of Respondents TEMEREALTY CORPORATION and QUN XIAO ("Respondents"); (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence.

This Decision revokes one or more real estate licenses on the grounds of the violation of the Real Estate Law, Part 1 commencing with Section 10000 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and/or the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations").

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11521, the California Department of Real Estate ("the Department") may order reconsideration of this Decision on petition of any party. The party seeking reconsideration shall set forth new facts, circumstances, and evidence, or errors in law or analysis, that show(s) grounds and good cause for the Commissioner to reconsider the Decision. If new evidence is presented, the party shall specifically identify the new evidence and explain why it was not previously presented. The Department's power to order reconsideration of this Decision shall expire 30 days after mailing of this Decision, or on the effective date of this Decision, whichever occurs first. The right to reinstatement of a

revoked real estate license, or to the reduction of a penalty, is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Government Code Sections 11521 and 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's <u>Criteria of Rehabilitation</u> are attached hereto for the information of respondent.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On December 22, 2023, Veronica Kilpatrick made the Accusation in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator of the Department. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Respondents' last known mailing address on file with the Department on December 26, 2023.

2.

On January 30, 2024, no Notice of Defense having been received or filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondents' default was entered.

## LICENSE HISTORY

3.

Respondent TEMEREALTY CORPORATION ("TEMEREALTY") presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code as a corporate real estate broker.

4.

Respondent QUN XIAO ("XIAO") presently has license rights as a salesperson. On April 20, 2023, XIAO'S license expired. Pursuant to Code section 10201, XIAO retains renewal rights for two years. The Department holds jurisdiction over the lapsed license, pursuant to Code section 10103.

5.

To date, the Department has incurred investigation costs of \$1,478.05.

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To date, the Department has incurred audit costs of \$6,566.00.

7.

Attached as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of the Accusation filed on December 26, 2023, which is incorporated herein as part of this Decision.

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## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

1.

The conduct, acts, and omissions of Respondents TEMEREALTY and XIAO, as described in the Accusation, Paragraph 12, are in violation of Code sections 10148, 10163, and 10176(f) and Regulations section 2715 and constitute cause under Code sections 10165, 10176(f), 10177(d), and 10177(g) for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license endorsements, and license rights of TEMEREALTY and XIAO.

2.

The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty.

# <u>ORDER</u>

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents TEMEREALTY CORPORATION and OUN XIAO under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code are revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on 3 25 2024.

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CHIKA SUNQUIST REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

By: Marcus L. McCarther

Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner



Department of Real Estate 320 West Fourth St, Ste 350 Los Angeles, CA, 90013

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JAMES WILLIAM MUCIOLA,

Individually and as former designated

Officer of Teerealty Corporation, and

Respondents.

Respondents TEMEREALTY CORPORATION and QUN XIAO, having failed to file a Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code, is now in default. It is, therefore, ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED JANUARY 30, 2024.

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All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code

LICENSE HISTORY

and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

3.

Respondent TEMEREALTY CORPORATION ("TEMEREALTY") presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code as a corporate real estate broker.

4.

Respondent JAMES WILLIAM MUCCIOLA ("MUCCIOLA") presently has license rights as a restricted real estate broker.

5.

From July 15, 2021, to April 24, 2023, Respondent TEMEREALTY was licensed by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a corporate real estate broker by and through Respondent MUCCIOLA, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code section 10159.2, for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf of TEMEREALTY, or by TEMEREALTY'S officers, agents and employees.

6.

From April 25, 2023, to the present, Respondent TEMEREALTY is licensed by the Department but not affiliated with a designated officer.

7.

Respondent QUN XIAO ("XIAO") presently has license rights as a salesperson. On April 20, 2023, XIAO'S license expired. Pursuant to Code section 10201, XIAO retains renewal rights for two years. The Department of Real Estate holds jurisdiction over the lapsed license, pursuant to Code section 10103.

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From July 16, 2021, to February 9, 2023, Respondent XIAO was affiliated with broker Respondent TEMEREALTY.

## PRIOR LICENSE DISCIPLINE

9.

On or about March 23, 2023, the Real Estate Commissioner in Case No. H-42344 LA adopted as his Decision ("Decision") effective on or about April 24, 2023, a Stipulation and Agreement entered on or about February 22, 2023, by Respondent MUCCIOLA and the Department where MUCCIOLA stipulated to the acts and omissions in the Accusation as grounds for disciplinary action in that: MUCCIOLA violated Code section 10159.2 and Regulations section 2725.

#### BROKERAGE

## TEMEREALTY CORPORATION

10.

At all times mentioned, in the City of Temecula, County of Riverside, Respondent TEMEREALTY acted as a real estate broker, conducting licensed activities within the meaning of Code section 10131(a) (sells, buys, or negotiates the purchase, sale or exchange of real property). ///

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#### AUDIT

#### TEMEREALTY CORPORATION

11.

On March 28, 2023, the Department completed audit examinations of the books and records of Respondent TEMEREALTY pertaining to the activities described in Paragraph 10 which require a real estate license. The audit examinations covered a period of time from July 15, 2021, to December 31, 2022. The audit examinations revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and as more fully discussed in Audit Report SD220017 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

# AUDIT VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW

12.

In the course of activities described in Paragraph 10 above and during the examination period described in Paragraph 11 above, Respondents TEMEREALTY, MUCCIOLA, and XIAO acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that:

12(a) Respondent TEMEREALTY maintained branch offices at 27393 Ynez Road Suite 254, Temecula, California 92591, at 28364 Vincent Moraga Drive #A, Temecula, California 92590, and at 250 W Tasman Dr. Suite 180, San Jose, California, 95134, and failed inform the Real Estate Commissioner of the branch offices, in violation of Code section 10163 and Regulations section 2715.

12(b) On or about July 18, 2021, Respondents TEMEREALTY and XIAO entered into a Residential Listing Agreement with seller Q. Zheng to sell real property at 18492 Hillview Ln, Lake Elsinore, California, 92530. The Residential Listing Agreement was an exclusive agreement that did not contain a definite, specified date of final and complete termination, in violation of Code section 10176(f).

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12(c) On or about January 25, 2023, a subpoena was served to Respondent TEMEREALTY for the production of books and records related to the brokerage activities conducted by TEMEREALTY. TEMEREALTY failed to retain and make available for examination, copying, and inspection the books, accounts, and records related to Respondent's brokerage activities for the audit period, in violation of Code section 10148.

12(d) The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent MUCCIOLA, as described in Paragraph 12, in failing to ensure compliance of the Real Estate Law by Respondent TEMEREALTY, is in violation of Code section 10159.2 and Regulations section 2725.

13.

The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent TEMEREALTY, described in Paragraph 12 above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:

<u>PARAGRAPH</u>	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
11(a)	Code section 10163 and Regulations section 2715
	(Respondent TEMEREALTY)
11(b)	Code section 10176(f)
	(Respondents TEMEREALTY and XIAO)
11(c)	Code section 10148
	(Respondent TEMEREALTY)
11(d)	Code section 10159.2 and Regulations section 2725
	(Respondent MUCCIOLA)

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license endorsements, and license rights of Respondent TEMEREALTY under the Real Estate Law pursuant to the provisions of Code sections 10165, 10176(f), 10177(d), and 10177(g).

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