

BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION STATE OF NEVADA

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JOSEPH R. DECKER, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Case No. 2015-1917

Petitioner.

VS.

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BLANCA PAREDES.

Respondent.

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division"), by and through its counsel, Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Keith E. Kizer, Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies RESPONDENT BLANCA PAREDES ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NRS 645.633 and/or NRS 645.630 and/or NRS 622.400, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven.

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT engaged in activities which require a license as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson, or real estate salesperson, and a permit to engage in property management, issued by the Division and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS and NAC 645.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. On or about October 11, 2011, the Division filed a Complaint for Disciplinary Action ("2011 Complaint") against RESPONDENT, alleging she violated NRS 645.230(1)(b)

and NRS 645.235(1)(a) by engaging and offering to engage in property management activity without first obtaining the required license and permit from the Division.

- On or about February 14, 2012, RESPONDENT and the Division submitted a
 Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action to the Commission for approval.
- 3. In that Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action, RESPONDENT admitted to the facts and violations of law as alleged in the 2011 Complaint, agreed to cease and desist all property management activities, and agreed to a \$5,000 administrative fine.
- 4. On or about May 16, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action.
- 5. RESPONDENT has never obtained from the Division a license as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson, or real estate salesperson.
- 6. RESPONDENT has never obtained from the Division a permit to engage in property management.
- 7. RESPONDENT is the Resident Agent and a Managing Member of Mare Investment Group, LLC ("Mare").
- 8. Aberash T. Gessese ("Gessese") owned rental property located at 7857 Somerhill Point Way, Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Property").
- In or around February 2015, RESPONDENT informed Gessese tha
 RESPONDENT knew of a person who was interested in leasing the Property.
- 10. RESPONDENT and Gessese agreed that Gessese would pay RESPONDENT five percent (5%) of the annual rent (\$14,400) as compensation for obtaining the Tenant for the Property.
- 11. On or about February 15, 2015, RESPONDENT obtained the move-in information for the Property and the applicant information for the Tenant.
- 12. At or about that same time, RESPONDENT collected \$1,959 from the Tenant for prorated rent, security deposit, and cleaning/key deposit.
- 13. On or about February 25, 2015, RESPONDENT submitted an expense billing report to Gessese for her \$720 fee (5% of \$14,400).

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- 14. RESPONDENT's expense billing report states that Mare will provide "eviction services [and] monitor payments for 12 months at agency's cost."
- 15. After deducting her \$720 fee, RESPONDENT, through Mare, sent Gessese a check for \$1,239 on or about February 25, 2015.
- 16. On or about March 5, 2015, RESPONDENT told Gessese that RESPONDENT had voided the \$1,239 check to Gessese because the Tenant was unsatisfied with the Property.
- 17. On or about July 9, 2015, Gessese filed a Statement of Fact with the Division complaining about RESPONDENT's conduct.

VIOLATIONS

RESPONDENT has committed the following violation of law:

18. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.230(1)(b) by engaging in property management activity without first obtaining from the Division a license as a real estate broker. real estate broker-salesperson, or real estate salesperson, and a permit to engage in property management.

DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 1. Pursuant to NRS 645.235, the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine in an amount not to exceed the amount of gain or economic benefit that the person derived from the violation or \$5,000, whichever amount is greater, against RESPONDENT for each violation of NRS 645.230.
- 2. Additionally, under NRS Chapter 622, the Commission is authorized to impose costs of the proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.
- 3. Therefore, the DIVISION requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider the Administrative Complaint against the above-named Respondent in accordance with Chapters

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233B and 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on December 16, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Commission is able to hear the matter, and each day thereafter commencing at 9:00 a.m. through December 17, 2015, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. The Commission meeting will be held on December 16, 2015, at the Nevada Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation, 2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Room A-C, Las Vegas, NV 89104. The meeting will continue on December 17, 2015, should business not be concluded, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Henderson City Hall, Council Chambers, 240 South Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to last from December 16 through December 17, 2015, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint were true. If you have any questions please call Rebecca Hardin, Commission Coordinator (702) 486-4074.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. A verbatim record will be made by a certified court reporter. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

As the Respondent, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing,

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the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.875.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the Respondent has violated NRS 645 and/or NAC 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented and to further determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against the Respondent, if any, pursuant to NRS 645.633 and/or NRS 645.630.

DATED this 10 day of November, 2015.

State of Nevada

Department of Business and Industry Real Estate Division

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