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#### BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

#### STATE OF NEVADA

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

VS.

JOSE ESPINOSA,

Respondent.

Case No. 2016-2965



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## STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

This Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation") is entered into between the Petitioner, State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division ("Division"), through its Administrator, Sharath Chandra, and Respondent, Jose Espinosa ("Respondent").

#### **JURISDICTION**

RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed by the Division as a Salesperson under license number S.0068903.LLC, and as a Property Manager under permit number PM.0165381, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission and the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and NAC Chapter 645.

#### SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH IN THE COMPLAINT

- 1. RESPONDENT was licensed as a Salesperson, license number S.0068903.LLC, from December 21, 2005, until December 31, 2016, and that license is currently in expired status.
- RESPONDENT was licensed as a Property Manager, permit number PM.0165381, from May 30, 2012, until December 31, 2016, and that permit is currently in expired status.
- 3. On or about December 9, 2015, before the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada, RESPONDENT entered into a Guilty Plea Agreement in which he pled "guilty to: CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT (Category C Felony NRS 453.401 NOC 51306)."

- 4. On or about April 20, 2016, the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada sentenced RESPONDENT to (a) between 12 and 20 months of imprisonment (suspended), and (b) up to three years of probation.
- 5. RESPONDENT failed to notify the Division in writing within 10 days after his plea of guilty that he had entered that plea of guilty.
- 6. On or about April 22, 2016, RESPONDENT applied for a salesperson license with the Alaska Real Estate Commission.
- 7. In his application packet, RESPONDENT submitted a false letter of reference allegedly from his former Nevada real estate broker.
  - 8. The former broker neither authorized nor signed that alleged letter of reference.
- 9. The Alaska Real Estate Commission denied RESPONDENT's application for a real estate salesperson license.

## SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS OF LAW ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT

- 1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(d)(2) by being convicted of a felony involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or moral turpitude.
- 2. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.615(1)(b) and (2)(a) by failing to notify the Division in writing that he entered a plea of guilty to a crime involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or moral turpitude within 10 days after the plea of guilty.
- 3. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) by submitting a fake letter of reference to the Alaska Real Estate Commission.

### SETTLEMENT

- The Division was prepared to present its case based upon the Complaint filed with the Commission.
- 2. The Parties desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following terms and conditions.
- 3. Respondent agrees to the voluntary surrender of his license and further agrees to not apply for any real estate license or permit in Nevada for five (5) years from the effective date of this

Order. Should Respondent wish to apply for any license thereafter, Respondent must appear before the Commission before submitting an application for licensure.

- 4. Respondent further agrees to pay to the Division \$750.00 in administrative costs due within 90 days of the effective date of the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation. No grace period is permitted. If the payment is not actually received by the Division on or before its due date, it shall be construed as an event of default by Respondent.
- 5. In the event of default, Respondent agrees that the unpaid balance of the administrative fine and costs, together with any attorney's fees and costs that may have been assessed, shall be due in full to the Division within ten calendar days of the date of default. Debt collection actions for unpaid monetary assessments in this case may be instituted by the Division.
- 6. The Division agrees not to pursue any other or greater remedies or fines in connection with Respondent's alleged conduct referenced herein.
- 7. Respondent agrees that if the administrative fine and costs are not paid within the time period set forth hereinabove, the Division may, at its option, rescind this Stipulation and proceed with prosecuting the Complaint before the Commission. In that case, the Stipulation shall be null and void.
- 8. Respondent and the Division agree that by entering into this Stipulation, the Division does not concede any defense or mitigation Respondent may assert and that once this Stipulation is approved and fully performed, the Division will close its file in this matter.
- 9. Respondent agrees and understands that by entering into this Stipulation, Respondent is waiving her right to a hearing at which Respondent may present evidence in her defense, her right to a written decision on the merits of the complaint, her rights to reconsideration and/or rehearing, appeal and/or judicial review, and all other rights which may be accorded by the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, the Nevada Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons statutes and accompanying regulations, and the federal and state constitutions. Respondent understands that this Agreement and other documentation may be subject to public records laws. The Commission members who review this matter for approval of this Stipulation may be the same members who ultimately hear, consider and decide the Complaint if this Stipulation is either not approved by the Commission or is not timely performed by Respondent. Respondent fully understands that she has the right to be represented by

legal counsel in this matter at her own expense.

- 10. Respondent shall bear his own attorney's fees and costs.
- 11. <u>Stipulation is Not Evidence</u>. Neither this Stipulation nor any statements made concerning this Stipulation may be discussed or introduced into evidence at any hearing on the Complaint, if the Division must ultimately present its case based on the Complaint filed in this matter.
- 12. <u>Approval of Stipulation</u>. Once executed, this Stipulation will be filed with the Commission and will be placed on the agenda for approval at its September 2018 public meeting. The Division will recommend to the Commission approval of the Stipulation. Respondent agrees that the Commission may approve, reject, or suggest amendments to this Stipulation that must be accepted or rejected by Respondent before any amendment is effective.
- 13. <u>Withdrawal of Stipulation</u>. If the Commission rejects this Stipulation or suggests amendments unacceptable to Respondent, Respondent may withdraw from this Stipulation and the Division may pursue its Complaint before the Commission at the Commission's next regular public meeting. This Stipulation shall then become null and void, and unenforceable in any manner against either party.
- 14. Release. In consideration of execution of this Stipulation, the Respondent for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby release, remise, and forever discharge the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry and the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees and counsel in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that the Respondent ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have, against any or all of the persons or entities named in this section, arising out of or by reason of the Division's investigation, this disciplinary action, and all other matters relating thereto.
- 15. <u>Indemnification</u>. Respondent hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees and counsel in their individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, and actions brought against said persons and/or entities by reason of the Division's

investigation, this disciplinary action and all other matters relating thereto, and against any and all expenses, damages, and costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, which may be sustained by the persons and/or entities named in this section as a result of said claims, suits, and actions.

16. Respondent has signed and dated this Stipulation only after reading and understanding all terms herein.

Dated: <u>8/29/2018</u>

Dated: 09/10/18

Jose Espinosa, Respondent

State of Nevada
Department of Business and Industry
Real Estate Division

Sharath Chapdra, Administrato

## **ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION**

The Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action having come before the Real Estate Commission, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada, during its regular agenda on September 2018, and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the above Stipulation is approved in full.

This Order shall become effective on the 31 day of 2018

Dated this LO day of 2018

NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

By: President, Nevada Real Estate Commission