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### BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF APPRAISERS OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NEVADA

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

Petitioner,

VS.

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KRISTEN N. ASTE, (License No. A.0007406-CR),

Respondent.

Case No. 2020-676, AP21.009.S

RESPONDENT KRISTEN N. ASTE'S
AMENDED RESPONSE TO
COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF
HEARING

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NEVADA COMMISSION OF APPRAISERS

Respondent Kristen N. Aste, by and through her attorneys at Lipson Neilson P.C., hereby submits her response to the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division ("the Division") Complaint and Notice of Hearing filed September 1, 2023.

#### **JURISDICTION**

Respondent admits she is a Certified Residential Appraiser licensed by the Division and that jurisdiction and venue are proper with respect to consideration of this specific assignment.

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. In response to Paragraph 1, Respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained therein and therefore denies the same.
- 2. In response to Paragraph 2, Respondent admits that she received a letter of investigation from the Division requesting a copy of her report and work file pertaining to 608 St. Croix Street, Henderson, NV 89012, APN #178-27-216-015 ("Property"), but is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same.

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- 3. In response to Paragraph 3, Respondent admits the allegation as pled.
- In response to Paragraph 4, Respondent is without knowledge or 4. information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained therein and therefore denies the same.
- In response to Paragraph 5, Respondent is without knowledge or 5. information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained therein and therefore denies the same.
- 6. In response to Paragraph 6, Respondent admits she received a communication from the Division on or about March 17, 2022. Respondent denies the remaining allegations as pled.
- 7. In response to Paragraph 7, Respondent admits that this matter was heard by the AARC on or about May 24, 2022.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. In response to Paragraph 8, Respondent admits the allegations as pled.
- 9. In response to Paragraph 9, Respondent admits that construction on the home started in 2009 but is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same.
  - 10. In response to Paragraph 10, Respondent admits the allegations as pled.
- 11. In response to Paragraph 11, Respondent admits that the effective date of the appraisal was June 2, 2020; the Date of the Signature and Report was June 18, 2020. Respondent denies the remaining allegations as pled.
- In response to Paragraph 12, Respondent is without knowledge or 12. information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation contained therein and therefore denies the allegations as pled.
  - 13. In response to Paragraph 13, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.
- In response to Paragraph 14, Respondent admits to utilizing MLS photos 14. but denies the remaining allegations as pled.

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- 15. In response to Paragraph 15, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.
- In response to Paragraph 16, Respondent denies the allegations as pled. 16.
- 17. In response to Paragraph 17, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.
- 18. In response to Paragraph 18, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.
- 19. In response to Paragraph 19, Respondent admits she received a letter from the Division regarding the recommendation of a formal complaint, but is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same.

#### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

In response to the first paragraph of Violations of Law in Petitioner's Complaint, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.

In response to the First Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent is without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, generally and specifically denies the allegations contained therein.

In response to the Second Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent is without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, generally and specifically denies the allegations contained therein.

In response to the Third Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled. This violation is duplicative and inclusive of the prior allegations set forth herein, and should not be viewed as an independent violation for purposes of

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consideration of fines under statute.

In response to the Fourth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.

In response to the Fifth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.

In response to the Sixth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled.

In response to the Seventh Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled. This violation is duplicative and inclusive of the prior allegations set forth herein, and should not be viewed as an independent violation for purposes of consideration of fines under statute.

In response to the Eighth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled. This violation is duplicative and inclusive of the prior allegations set forth herein, and should not be viewed as an independent violation for purposes of consideration of fines under statute.

In response to the Ninth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the

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allegations as pled. This violation is duplicative and inclusive of the prior allegations set forth herein, and should not be viewed as an independent violation for purposes of consideration of fines under statute.

In response to the Tenth Violation, to the extent the allegations contained therein consist of the Division's legal conclusions or an attempt to summarize this lawsuit, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations as pled. This violation is duplicative and inclusive of the prior allegations set forth herein, and should not be viewed as an independent violation for purposes of consideration of fines under statute.

#### DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

Respondent disagrees with the Division's allegations as pled and requests that the Commission refrain from the imposition of discipline, restriction or the imposition of education and fines under the Nevada Revised Statutes or the Nevada Administrative Code. Respondent has been licensed for more than 15 years and has no prior discipline. Respondent's goal is to continue to educate herself and improve her skills. She respects that the Commission serves an important role and is open to any feed-back and input the Commission may have to assist in her pursuit of that goal. To the extent that the Commission does determine that any discipline may be warranted, Respondent requests that the Commission take into consideration significant financial and health issues being faced by Respondent and her three young children. More information regarding these mitigation factors will be presented should that be necessary. Respondent thanks the Commission for their time and attention to this matter.

DATED this 9th day of November, 2023.

LIPSON NEILSON P.C.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of November, 2023, service of the foregoing

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