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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

JULIO C. HERNANDEZ,

GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY &

MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP.

ORDER TO DESIST

AND REFRAIN

(B&P Code §10086)

The Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California ("Commissioner") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP. The Commissioner has determined from the findings set forth below that JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, have violated Section 10130 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") by engaging in the business of a real estate broker within the State of California without a real estate broker license. 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.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At no time herein mentioned, have JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP been licensed by the

Department of Real Estate of the State of California ("Department") as a real estate broker or salesperson.

- 2. During a period of time from the last three years to the present, JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker in the State of California, within the meaning of Code Sections 10131(d) (soliciting borrowers or lenders or negotiating loans) and 10131.2 (claiming advance fees in connection with a loan), for or in expectation of compensation. Your activities included the operation of or conduct of a real property sales business with the public wherein you engaged in the solicitation, negotiation and performance of services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by residential real property and charging or collecting an advance fee for performance of activities that require a real estate license.
- 3. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP's activities included, but were not necessarily limited to, soliciting, offering to negotiate loans or performing services for borrower Angelica Estrella Nuñez, in connection with loans secured by real property located at 17445 Owen Street, Fontana, California. On or around June 2, 2008, borrower Angelica Estrella Nuñez received a door-to-door solicitation in Spanish from JULIO C. HERNANDEZ. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ presented himself as an agent of GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ gave Mrs. Nuñez a business card where he is listed as a loan consultant for GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE and which has the mailing and main office address of 9190 Sierra Avenue, Suite 206, Fontana, California. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ informed Mrs. Nuñez that Manuel Marquez and GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE knew who were the distressed borrowers in the area and offered to assist Mrs. Nuñez in modifying the terms of her mortgage on her residential property located at 17445 Owen Street, Fontana, California.

1 4. Mrs. Nuñez went to Manuel Marquez' office and met with JULIO C. HERNANDEZ and Manuel Marquez. Mrs. Nuñez was interested in lowering her monthly 2 3 payments on the mortgage of her home. Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ offered to help Mrs. Nuñez by negotiating with her lender to reduce the interest rate, principal, and 4 monthly mortgage payments. Manuel Marquez solicited Mrs. Nuñez to provide loan negotiation 5 6 and modification services and informed her that the process could take up to three years. Manuel Marquez instructed Mrs. Nuñez to pay an advance fee of \$1,600. Manuel Marquez also 7 informed Mrs. Nuñez that she would have to pay an additional \$860 on a monthly basis while 8 they negotiated a modification of her loan. Mrs. Nuñez was to pay \$100 directly to JULIO C. 9 HERNANDEZ and wire the remaining \$760 to a person named William Harris. Manuel 10 Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ never explained to Mrs. Nuñez the reasons why the 11 monthly payments needed to be paid in that form or what the terms of Manuel Marquez' loan 12 negotiation, modification or refinance services actually were.

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- 5. Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ induced Mrs. Nuñez to sign an agreement with an unknown and unlicensed company, "TIMELENDER, LLP." This agreement called for payment of an advance fee of \$760 and monthly payments of the same amount for services to stop foreclosure proceedings on Mrs. Nuñez' real property. The agreement also instructed Mrs. Nuñez, the borrower, to cease all contact with her lender(s). Mrs. Nuñez trusted that JULIO C. HERNANDEZ would refinance or renegotiate the terms of her mortgage and would lower her interest and principle as promised. Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ failed to perform the services promised or to obtain a loan for Mrs. Nuñez on more favorable terms.
- 6. On June 2, 2008, Manuel Marquez instructed Mrs. Nuñez to sign a Grant Deed conveying one (1) percent of her property to Veronica Hartman. Mrs. Nuñez never met Veronica Hartman and did not know who she was. Manuel Marquez notarized the Grant Deed.
- 7. On July 31, 2008, Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ instructed Mrs. Nuñez that she would need to sign a Grant Deed conveying one (1) percent of her property

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instructed Mrs. Nuñez that she would need to sign a Grant Deed conveying one (1) percent of her property to Jeannine Sabot. Mrs. Nuñez never met Jeannine Sabot and did not know who she was. Mrs. Nuñez refused to sign the Grant Deed when she noticed that notary Erika E. Samaniego's stamp

8. On October 2, 2008, Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ

notarizing Mrs. Nuñez' signature was already on the blank Grant Deed.

- 9. For approximately five months, Mrs. Nuñez paid \$860 on a monthly basis as instructed by Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ. On or about November 1, 2008, Mrs. Nuñez received a Notice to Vacate her home from her lender. Mrs. Nuñez and her husband went to see Manuel Marquez at his office. Manuel Marquez refused to speak with them. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ instructed them to continue paying the monthly \$860 despite the Notice to Vacate. Mrs. Nuñez demanded a refund of all the monies she had thus far paid Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ which totaled \$5,900. Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ refused to refund any of the monies paid by Mrs. Nuñez.
- 10. On November 11, 2008, Mrs. Nuñez filed a Licensee Complaint with the Department against Manuel Marquez, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ. On or about February 9, 2009, the Department mailed letters of inquiry to Manuel Marquez regarding his involvement with the transaction of Mrs. Nuñez' real property. On or about May 13, 2009, JULIO C. HERNANDEZ gave Mrs. Nuñez a cashier's check for \$3,753.99. On or about June 8, 2009, JULIO C. HERNANDEZ gave Mrs. Nuñez a cashier's check for \$1,246.00. Mrs. Nuñez received a total of \$4,999 from JULIO C. HERNANDEZ. Mrs. Nuñez never received the remaining \$901 of the fees she paid to Manuel Marquez and JULIO C. HERNANDEZ.
- 11. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP's acts as described in Paragraphs 1 through 10 above,

are acts requiring a real estate broker license under the provisions of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Based on the findings of fact contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10, JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, solicited borrowers and performed services for those borrowers and/or those borrowers' lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, and charged or collected advance fees in connection with those services, which acts require a real estate broker license under Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2 of the Code, during a period of time when JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, were not licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, in violation of Section 10130 of the Code.
- JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY &
   MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP's acts as described in Paragraphs 1 through 10, above, are acts requiring a real estate license under the provision of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2.
- 3. JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP violated Code Section 10130 by engaging in the activities described in Paragraphs 1 through 10, above, without first obtaining a real estate license from the Department.

## **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, whether doing business under JULIO C. HERNANDEZ, GOLDEN CALIFORNIA REALTY & MORTGAGE, and TIMELENDER, LLP, or any other name or fictitious name, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within

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the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required. In particular each is ORDERED TO DESIST AND REFRAIN from:

- (i) charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 (fee charged, demanded or collected from principal before completing every service licensee contracted to perform) of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modifications or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance service in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units (Code Section 10085.6); and
- (ii) charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, for any other real estate related services offered by them to others.

DATED: 5/1/2016

JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

**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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