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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

To: No. H-07051 SAC GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, ORDER TO DESIST AND JARRETT ENTERPRISES, TODD ROBERT REFRAIN JARRETT, SUZIE BRYANT, and LORRAINE (B&P Code Section 10086) WHITFORD, and/or any other names or fictitious names.

The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP ("GSFP"), JARRETT ENTERPRISES, INC. ("JE"), TODD ROBERT JARRETT ("JARRETT"), SUZIE BRYANT ("BRYANT") and LORRAINE WHITFORD ("WHITFORD") (collectively "Respondents"). Based on the investigation, the Commissioner has determined that Respondents have engaged in, are engaging in, or are attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") and/or Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), including the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming to act as, a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d) (performing services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real property) and 10166.02

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(mortgage loan origination). 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.

Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to Respondents, those acts are alleged to have been done by Respondents, and each of them, acting by itself/himself/herself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, and using the names Respondents, or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At no time herein mentioned has GSFP been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 2. At no time herein mentioned has JE been licensed by the Department in any capacity. GSFP is a registered fictitious business name of JE.
- JARRETT was previously licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson (License ID No. 01237052). The Department originally issued JARRETT's license on or about April 10, 1998. JARRETT's license expired on April 9, 2006.
- 4. At no time herein mentioned has BRYANT been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 5. At no time herein mentioned has WHITFORD been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 6. During the period of time set out below, Respondents solicited borrowers and negotiated to do one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation: negotiate one or more loans for, or perform services for borrowers and/or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property.
- 7. For an unknown period of time prior to March 2018, until and including July 2020, Respondents advertised, and continue to advertise, their services under one or more business names including GSFP on a website located at http://www.goldenstatefinancialgroup.com and on Facebook.com. Those advertisements solicited, and continue to solicit, borrowers, by

indicating "We Help You Modify Your Home Loan" and offering loan modifications, refinances and reverse mortgages in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02.

- 8. On or about July 27, 2020, an investigator of the Department, as a part of her investigation, contacted GSFG via email requesting assistance on a loan modification for a primary residence. The investigator received a response from GSFG providing several different financing options.
- 9. On or about February 12, 2018, GSFG entered into a written "Loan Modification Negotiation Agreement" with Lawrence and Belinda P. (collectively "Victim 1") concerning their property located at 5784 Fernwood Ct., Chino Hills, CA 91709 obligating Victim 1 to pay to GSFG, as fee for services, \$4,995.00 in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02. Victim 1 also signed an authorization form for their lender/mortgage servicer to release information to and communicate with JARRETT, BRYANT and WHITFORD as Victim 1's authorized representative of GSFG.
- 10. On or about December 20, 2017, GSFG entered into a written "Loan Modification Negotiation Agreement" with Cynthia T. ("Victim 2") concerning her property located at 4150 Mist Trail Dr., Stockton, CA 95206 obligating Victim 2 to pay to GSFG, as fee for services, \$5,500.00 in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02. On or about March 8, 2018, Victim 2 and Theodore T. signed an authorization form for their lender/mortgage servicer to release information to and communicate with JARRETT, BRYANT and WHITFORD as their authorized representative of GSFG.
- 11. On or about January 31, 2018, GSFG entered into a written "Loan Modification Negotiation Agreement" with Martha R. ("Victim 3") concerning her property located at 30260 Clear Water Drive, Canyon Lake, CA 92587 obligating Victim 3 to pay to GSFG, as fee for services, \$6,500.00 in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02. On or about February 1, 2018, Victim 3 signed an authorization form for her lender/mortgage servicer to release information to and communicate with JARRETT, BRYANT and WHITFORD as her authorized representative of GSFG.

 12. On or about March 28, 2018, GSFG entered into a written "Loan Modification Negotiation Agreement" with Terry and Debbie S. (collectively "Victim 4") concerning their property located at 7024 Roddick Drive, Highland, CA 92346 obligating Victim 4 to pay to GSFG, as fee for services, \$5,500.00 in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02. On or about April 2, 2018, Victim 4 signed an authorization form for their lender/mortgage servicer to release information to and communicate with JARRETT, BRYANT and WHITFORD as their authorized representative of GSFG.

13. On or about April 4, 2018, GSFG entered into a written "Loan Modification Negotiation Agreement" with Michelle F. ("Victim 5") concerning her property located at 9310 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita, CA 91390 obligating Victim 5 to pay to GSFG, as fee for services, \$6,500.00 in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10131, and 10166.02. On or about April 4, 2018, Victim 5 signed an authorization form for her lender/mortgage servicer to release information to and communicate with JARRETT, BRYANT and WHITFORD as her authorized representative of GSFG.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14. Based on the findings of fact contained in paragraphs 1 through 13, Respondents, acting by themselves, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or coconspirators, and using the name GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time, 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, which requires a real estate license under Code Section 10131 and/or a mortgage loan originator endorsement under Code Section 10166.02, during a period of time when Respondents were not licensed by the Department in any capacity, in violation of Section 10130 of the Code.

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, you GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, JARRETT ENTERPRISES, INC., TODD ROBERT

JARRETT, SUZIE BRYANT and LORRAINE WHITFORD, doing business under your own name, using the name GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, or any other names or fictitious names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required until GOLDEN STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, JARRETT ENTERPRISES, INC., TODD ROBERT JARRETT, SUZIE BRYANT and LORRAINE WHITFORD are properly licensed, in particular, soliciting borrowers and/or performing services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, unless and until you obtain a real estate broker license issued by the Department.

IT IS SO ORDERED 17.3, 2/

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY Real Estate Commissioner

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