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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

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CalBRE No. H-12082 SF

Respondent.

In the Matter of the Accusation of

STEVEN ARTHUR BROWN, an individual, dba as BETTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT,

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

On March 27, 2017, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent STEVEN ARTHUR BROWN ("Respondent").

On June 27, 2017, Respondent petitioned the Commissioner to voluntarily surrender his real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent STEVEN ARTHUR BROWN's petition for voluntary surrender of his real estate broker license is accepted as of the effective date of this Order as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement expressed in Respondent's Declaration dated June 27, 2017, (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto). Respondent's license certificate and pocket card shall be sent to the below-listed address so that they reach the Bureau on or before the effective date of this Order:

BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE Attention: Licensing Flag Section

P. O. Box 137013 Sacramento, CA 95813-7013

This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on AUG 1 4 2017

DATED: 7/19/17

WAYNE S. BELL REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

DANIEL J. SANDRI Chief Deputy Commissioner

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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Petition for Surrender of License

STEVEN ARTHUR BROWN, an Individual, doing business as BETTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Respondent,

RE: Pending Accusation #H-12082 SF

DECLARATION

My name is STEVEN ARTHUR BROWN, and I am currently licensed as a real estate broker (license# 00548142) doing business as Better Property Management and have license rights with respect to said license. I am represented by Steven C. Vondran, Attorney at Law (The Law Offices of Steven C. Vondran, P.C.).

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in regard to responding to the accusation referenced above, and in accordance with any rights that might exist under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code), I wish to hereby voluntarily surrender my real estate license, issued by the Bureau of Real Estate ("BRE"), pursuant to Cal. Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2. This section states:

"A licensee against whom an investigation is pending or an accusation has been filed pursuant to Section 11503 of the Government Code may petition the commissioner to voluntarily surrender his or her license. The surrender of a license shall become effective upon acceptance by the commissioner and thereafter, a surrendered licensee may be relicensed only by petitioning for reinstatement pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code. When deciding a petition for reinstatement, the commissioner may consider all relevant evidence, including affidavits."

I understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license(s), I may be re-licensed as a broker or as a salesperson (or issued a mortgage loan originator endorsement) only by petitioning for reinstatement pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I agree to the following:

- 1. The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for voluntary surrender.
- 2. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that I waive all rights I have to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Investigation in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the 4 Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Sections 11400 et seq.), and that I also waive other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Investigation and the right to cross examine witnesses.
- 3. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement that there is no admission of fault or wrongdoing in regard to this petition and I simply wish at this time to retire from the real estate business.
- 4. I further agree that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Bureau in this matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Investigation in the case may be considered by the Bureau to be true and correct solely for the purpose of deciding whether to grant relicensure or reinstatement pursuant to Government Code 13 Section 11522.
- 5. I freely and voluntarily surrender all my licenses and license rights under the Real Estate Law.