STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

Before the Commissioner of the Division of Mortgage Lending

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In the Matter of:)		
)	Case No. 20	022-007
OMAR BLANCO-GOMEZ,)		
Mortgage Loan Originator License No. 67133,)		
NMLS ID No. 1957726,)		
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Respondent.)		
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FINAL ORDER REVOKING LICENSURE AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

Issued and Entered, This 28 day of April, 2023, By Cathy Sheehy, Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Commissioner") having been statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 645B.010 et seq. ("the Statute"), and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC 645B.001 et seq. ("the Regulation") (collectively, "the Act") governing the licensing and conduct of mortgage agents and/or mortgage loan originators and mortgage brokers and/or mortgage companies doing business in the State of Nevada; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2023, the Commissioner issued to Omar Blanco-Gomez ("RESPONDENT"), NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AND ENTER FINAL ORDER REVOKING LICENSURE, REQUIRING PAYMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE COSTS AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING (the "Order") attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference; and,

WHEREAS, the Order further assessed upon Respondent investigative costs in the amount of \$300.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Order, advised Respondent that Respondent was entitled to an administrative hearing in this matter if Respondent filed a written request for a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the Order; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent failed to exercise his rights to an administrative hearing, timely or otherwise; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent's mortgage loan originator license is revoked.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the factual findings set forth above and the files and records of the Division of Mortgage Lending, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Order shall be and hereby are found to be true and correct.
- 2. The INVESTIGATIVE COSTS in the amount of \$300.00, which Respondent has not paid to the Division, are hereby issued and entered against Respondent pursuant to the Act.
 - 3. Respondent's mortgage loan originator license is hereby revoked.
- 4. This Final Order shall be and is effective on the date as issued and entered, as shown in the caption hereof.
- 5. This Final Order shall remain in effect and fully enforceable until terminated, modified, or set aside, in writing, by the Commissioner.
- 6. The Commissioner specifically retains jurisdiction of the matter(s) contained herein to issue such further order or orders as she may deem just, necessary, or appropriate so as to assure compliance with the law and protect the interest of the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By: ______CATHY SHEEHY, COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT "1"

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AND ENTER FINAL ORDER REVOKING MORTGAGE AGENT LICENSE, IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINES, AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE COSTS AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Commissioner") is statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 645B.010 et. seq. ("NRS 645B" or "the Statute"), and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC 645B.001 et seq. ("NAC 645" or "the Regulation") (collectively, "the Act"), governing the licensing and conduct of mortgage brokers and/or mortgage companies and mortgage agents and/or mortgage loan originators in the state of Nevada; and,

The Commissioner is further granted general supervisory power, control, and administrative enforcement authority over all mortgage brokers and/or mortgage companies and mortgage agents and/or mortgage loan originators doing business in the state of Nevada pursuant to the Act; and,

The Commissioner has the specific authority and responsibility under NRS 645B to review and evaluate an applicant's qualifications and suitability for the issuance, renewal, or retention of a license as a mortgage agent and/or mortgage loan originator under the provisions of NRS 645B.410 and NRS 645B.430; and,

Pursuant to that statutory authority and responsibility vested in the Commissioner, and in accordance with provisions of NRS 645B and other applicable law, Notice is hereby provided to OMAR BLANCO-GOMEZ (hereinafter "RESPONDENT"), of facts or conduct which, if true, will result in the issuance of a final order against RESPONDENT revoking RESPONDENT's Nevada mortgage agent and/or mortgage loan originator license, imposing an administrative fine in the total amount of \$0.00 and requiring payment of investigative costs in the amount of \$300.00. Notice is further provided to inform RESPONDENT that prior to the issuance and entry of a final order, RESPONDENT is entitled to an administrative hearing. If RESPONDENT desires an administrative hearing, RESPONDENT must timely file a written request for an administrative hearing in accordance with the instructions set forth in Section III of this Notice.

I.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. On or about April 6, 2020, RESPONDENT made application for, and on or about May 22, 2020, was granted a Nevada mortgage loan originator (formerly known as a mortgage agent) license by the Commissioner (MLD License No. 67133, NMLS ID. No. 1957726) pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Upon information and belief, from on or about May 22, 2020, to the present, RESPONDENT has been associated with or employed by Nevada-licensed mortgage company (formerly known as a mortgage broker or mortgage banker).

3. RESPONDENT holds "Approved-Inactive" licenses in several other States. He surrendered his California, Idaho, and Washington licenses as part of Stipulation Agreement with those States.

- 4. Until RESPONDENT's Nevada mortgage loan originator license was terminated or cancelled on or about February 25, 2021, at all times relevant to this matter, RESPONDENT had either applied for a mortgage loan originator license under the Statute or held a mortgage loan originator license under the Statute, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner.
- 5. A mortgage loan originator license issued under the Act expires annually on December 31st, unless properly renewed by the holder of the license in accordance with the requirements set forth in NRS 645B.430(1).
- 6. In addition to the conditions for licensure as provided in the Act, the NMLS, as instructed in both its website and policy guidebooks, sets forth the requirements with which all applicants for initial licensure as a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator, as well as those seeking to renew existing licensure as a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator, must comply in their efforts to obtain or maintain such licensure. Regardless of what jurisdiction-specific requirements may be applicable for such purposes, among the universal obligations mandated by the NMLS, is that the applicant or licensee provide and keep current the individual's identifying and contact information, as well as update and correct any answers as may have changed since the

https://mortgage.nationwidelicensingsystem.org/licensees/resources/LicenseeResources/NMLS%20Guidebook%20for%20Licensees.pdf

time of prior submissions, including those made in response to specific NMLS disclosure questions related to finances and the existence of any judgments or liens which remain unsatisfied, civil litigation/judgments, or state or federal regulatory/administrative agency orders or decisions rendered against, or concerning the applicant/licensee. Indeed, upon submission of any information through the Registry, the NMLS requires that the applicant attest under penalty of perjury, that the information and statements contained therein, including any other information filed contemporaneously therewith, are true, accurate, and complete, and that the extent to which any information previously submitted is not amended, such information remains accurate and complete. Finally, when completing renewal of his or her own existing license, or as submitted on his or her behalf by that person's employer or sponsoring company, the renewing individual remains responsible for reviewing and confirming that all information contained in the person's online NMLS records are true and accurate when he or she performs the required attestation to the truth and accuracy thereof.

At the time of initial licensure as a mortgage loan originator, and at all 7. times thereafter, NRS 645B.430(1) requires the holder of an existing license to continue to satisfy the criteria of NRS 645B.410(3), which provides in pertinent part the following:

> Except as otherwise provided by law, the Commissioner shall issue a license as a mortgage loan originator to an applicant if:

- (a) The application is verified by the Commissioner and complies with the applicable requirements of this chapter, other applicable law and, if applicable, the Registry; and
- (b) The applicant:

(2) Has never had a license or registration as a mortgage agent : . . revoked in this State or any other jurisdiction . . . within the immediately preceding 10 years;

- (3) Has not made a false statement of material fact on his or her application;
- (4) Has not violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant thereto or an order of the Commissioner; and
- (5) Has demonstrated financial responsibility, character and general fitness so as to command the confidence of the community and warrant a determination that the applicant will operate honestly, fairly and efficiently for the purposes of this chapter.

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[Emphasis added.]

8. The Statute further grants the Commissioner authority to impose an administrative fine or other discipline against an applicant for a license issued pursuant to the Act, for violation(s) of the Act, and/or against a licensed mortgage loan originator, who violates the Act. In pertinent part, NRS 645B.670(1)(a) specifically states that:

For each violation committed by an applicant for a license issued pursuant to this chapter, whether or not the applicant is issued a license, the Commissioner may impose upon the applicant an administrative fine of not more than \$25,000 if the applicant:

- (1) Has knowingly made or caused to be made to the Commissioner any false representation of material fact;
- (2) Has suppressed or withheld from the Commissioner any information which the applicant possesses and which, if submitted by the applicant, would have rendered the applicant ineligible to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; or
- (3) Has violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter or an order of the Commissioner in completing and filing his or her application for a license or during the course of the investigation of his or her application for a license.

[Emphasis added.]

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9. NRS 645B.670(1)(c) specifically provides that for each violation committed by a [licensed] mortgage loan originator, the Commissioner may impose upon the mortgage loan originator an administrative fine of not more than \$25,000.00, may suspend, revoke or place conditions upon the mortgage loan originator's license, or may do both, if the mortgage loan originator, whether or not acting as such:

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(4) Has knowingly made or caused to be made to the Commissioner any false representation of material fact or has suppressed or withheld from the Commissioner any information which the mortgage agent possesses and which, if submitted by the mortgage agent, would have rendered the mortgage agent ineligible to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

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(5) Has been convicted of, or entered or agreed to enter a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony in a domestic, foreign or military court within the 7 years immediately preceding the date of the application, or at any time if such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty or a breach of trust, moral turpitude or money laundering;

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[Emphasis added.]

- 10. For the purposes of NRS 645B.670, NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(1) expresses that a mortgage agent commits a violation if the mortgage agent "is convicted of, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendre to, a felony in a domestic, foreign or military court."
- 11. For the purposes of NRS 645B.670, NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(5) expresses that a mortgage agent commits a violation if the mortgage agent "demonstrates a lack of financial responsibility, character and general fitness so as to lose the confidence of the

community and warrant a determination that the mortgage agent will not operate honestly, fairly and efficiently for the purposes of chapter 645B of NRS."

- 12. Pursuant to NRS 645B.740, the expiration or revocation of a license of a mortgage company or mortgage loan originator by operation of law or by order or decision of the Commissioner or a court of competent jurisdiction, or the voluntary surrender of a license, does *not*:
 - (1) Prohibit the Commissioner from initiating or continuing an investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the mortgage company or mortgage loan originator as authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Act; or
 - (2) Prevent the imposition or collection of any fine or penalty authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Act against the mortgage company or mortgage loan originator.
- 13. On or about February 23, 2021, the Division learned that RESPONDENT, had changed his answers to NMLS Form MU4 Criminal Disclosure Question, (F)(1) from "No" to "Yes." The Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1) asks the RESPONDENT:

"Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendre ('no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any felony?"

- 14. Based upon receipt of the foregoing information stated above, the Division commenced an investigation pursuant to NRS 64B.060(2)(c) concerning RESPONDENT's conduct in relationship to his responsibilities under the Act. The Division examined RESPONDENT's licensing history as reflected in his NMLS records, including those he submitted and attested to at the time of his request to *obtain* licensure as a Nevada mortgage loan originator, in April 2020 until granted licensure in May 2020.
- 15. The Division discovered that RESPONDENT amended his NMLS Form MU4 and changed his response to Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1) as noted above.

a Class 6 Non-Dangerous Undesignated Felony for theft in Arizona. He uploaded the above stated statement as a pdf file titled, "BLANCO-GOMEZ FELONY DOCS.pdf" to his NMLS account as part of his "explanation" for his "Yes" response.

16. RESPONDENT'S felony documents pdf that he uploaded included his Waiver of Preliminary Hearing with Plea Agreement which he signed on October 2, 2000.

His explanation for the change was because on or around August of 2020, he appeared in

court for various charges. On October 9, 2020, RESPONDENT entered a plea of guilty to

- 16. RESPONDENT'S felony documents pdf that he uploaded included his Waiver of Preliminary Hearing with Plea Agreement which he signed on October 9, 2020; Final Release Order and Order Regarding Counsel dated September 4, 2020; and Uniform Conditions of Supervised dated October 28, 2020.
- 17. The Waiver of Preliminary Hearing with Plea Agreement lists RESPONDENT'S initial charges of the following: one felony count of a Class 2 felony of "Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices" and three felony counts of a Class 4 felony of "Taking the Identity of Another" that occurred on or about July 2018. RESPONDENT plead guilty to:

"Count 2 as amended: Theft (13-1802A), A Class 6 Non-Dangerous Undesignated Felony, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-105, 13-1801, 13-1802, 13-604, 13-610, 28-3304, 12-116.04, 12-116.09, 12-269, 13-701, 13-702, 13-703, 13-801 committed on July 27, 2018 through and including July 31, 2018."

- 18. The court paperwork uploaded by RESPONDENT states, "Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-604(A), this offense shall be treated as a felony for all purposes until such time as the Court may actually enter an order designating the offense a misdemeanor. If this offense were designated a misdemeanor, Defendant could receive a maximum of 6 months in jail and a maximum fine of \$2500 plus the statutory charge."
- 19. At the time of his plea, RESPONDENT was licensed as a Nevada mortgage loan originator (and held other State licenses as well). RESPONDENT had 30 days to disclose his felony plea on his NMLS Form MU4 under Criminal Disclosure Questions (F)(1). He failed to do so.

- 20. On November 1, 2020, when RESPONDENT submitted his renewal application for a Nevada mortgage loan originator license and attested to the truth, accuracy, and completeness thereof. RESPONDENT failed to provide honest, affirmative answers to certain NMLS disclosure questions which required that he divulge that he had a felony theft charge. Had RESPONDENT disclosed the felony conviction, he would have been found ineligible for licensure.
- 21. On March 8, 2021, the Idaho Department of Finance entered into a "Consent Order" with RESPONDENT allowing him to surrender his mortgage loan originator license in that State in light of his failure to disclose his felony conviction.
- 22. On March 31, 2021, RESPONDENT signed a "Stipulation to License Surrender" with the State of California as a result of his failure to timely disclose the Felony plea/conviction.
- 23. On or around November 1, 2021, RESPONDENT amended his NMLS Form MU4 and changed his response to Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1) from "Yes" to No." His explanation for the change was, "No longer a felony; Felony is now a misdemeanor; Probation period has been complete and felony has been designated a misdemeanor." RESPONDENT also uploaded a PDF file titled, "Discharge Probation Oct 25 2021 2-11 PM.pdf."
- 24. The discharge of probation paperwork submitted by RESPONDENT does make the felony charge as described above "be designated a misdemeanor" as of September 9, 2021.
- 25. RESPONDENT'S NMLS records shows that he was "Discharged" from his employment with Rocket Mortgage on February 23, 2021.
- 26. RESPONDENT has not disclosed his "Discharge" on his NMLS via his Form MU4, as required.
- 27. On or around February 25, 2021, RESPONDENT'S Nevada license status was changed from "Active" to "Approved-Inactive", which would have been a result of his sponsorship by Rocket Mortgage being cancelled due to his discharge from employment.

28. As a result of the Division's investigation in this matter, the following violations are alleged:

COUNT I

Making or Causing to be Made to the Commissioner by a Mortgage Loan Originator, False Representations of Material Fact and/or Suppression or Withholding Information from the Commissioner

- 29. The Division re-alleges and incorporates all foregoing facts and allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 30. For purposes of NRS 645B.670, NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(3) provides that a mortgage loan originator commits a violation if the mortgage loan originator makes a false statement of material fact to the Division.
- 31. When RESPONDENT renewed his Nevada mortgage loan originator license on or about November 1, 2020, RESPONDENT had thirty days from when he made his plea agreement on October 9, 2020, for the felony to amend his NMLS records. RESPONDENT chose not to utilize the opportunity to provide an honest "Yes" responses to NMLS Form MU4 Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1) at the time he attested to the truth, accuracy, and completeness of his online NMLS records.
- 32. In each of the attestation oath filed in support of the NMLS filings made subsequent to the time of his initially obtained Nevada licensure as mortgage loan originator, particularly those submitted on November 1, 2020, in connection with his attempts to renew his Nevada mortgage loan originator, RESPONDENT swore or affirmed that:
 - (1) The information and statements contained in his online record were "true, accurate and complete" and
 - (2) That he would "keep the information contained in this form current and to file accurate supplementary information on a timely basis..."

- 33. Notwithstanding any claim by RESPONDENT that the criminal case brought against him had been reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor, it nevertheless remains that based upon the existence of his criminal charge of felony theft, and the existence of the criminal plea agreement, at least with respect to the time that RESPONDENT swore or affirmed to the truth, accuracy, and completeness of his online records as of May 22, 2020 through February 22, 2021, RESPONDENT was required to have first answered "Yes" in reply to NMLS Form MU4 Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1), providing detailed disclosure explanations in regard to each, and uploading copies of supporting documentation or dispositional materials concerning such matters. Having failed to so revise his previously provided answer, he accordingly adopted and falsely swore to the truth, accuracy, and completeness of such answer.
- 34. RESPONDENT's continued failure to submit truthful, accurate, and complete information in his NMLS records constitute the making of false statements, misrepresentations, or omissions of material fact concerning his application in violation of NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4), thereby subjecting RESPONDENT to all administrative penalties available under the Act.

COUNT II

Failure by an Applicant, and Failure by a Mortgage Loan Originator, to Disclose Having Been Convicted of, or Entered or Agreed to Enter a Plea of Guilty to a Felony in a Domestic Court

- 35. The Division re-alleges and incorporates all foregoing facts and allegations as though fully set forth therein.
- 36. Based upon his 2020-related Attestation, as sworn to, and attested by RESPONDENT following his plea of guilty to the Arizona crime of Theft (13-1802A), A Class 6 Non-Dangerous Undesignated Felony and resulting criminal conviction on October 9, 2020, RESPONDENT was required to have updated his online NMLS records to provide an affirmative reply and corresponding explanation with an uploaded copy of the court's judgment/order.

- 37. At the time RESPONDENT submitted his renewal application through the NMLS on November 1, 2020, RESPONDENT should have updated, changed, or corrected his response to Criminal Disclosure Question (F)(1), from his existing "No" answer to affirmatively answer "Yes" and provide a detailed explanation of the event and uploading his supporting documentation, to thereby divulge that on October 9, 2020, as subject of Case No. CR2020-128485-001, he was convicted of, and pled guilty in a domestic (Arizona) criminal court to, the felony crime of Theft (13-1802A), A Class 6 Non-Dangerous Undesignated Felony.
- 38. RESPONDENT's failure to submit truthful, accurate, and complete information in his NMLS records by not disclosing the plea agreement when renewing his Nevada mortgage loan originator license is a violation of NRS 645B.670(1)(c)(4), thereby subjecting RESPONDENT to all administrative penalties available under the Act.

COUNT III

Violation by an Applicant, and by a Mortgage Agent, For Being Convicted of, or Entering a Plea of Guilty to a Felony in Domestic Court

- 39. The Division re-alleges and incorporates all foregoing facts and allegations as though fully set forth therein.
- 40. RESPONDENT entered his plea of guilty to the Arizona crime of Theft (13-1802A), A Class 6 Non-Dangerous Undesignated Felony and resulting in a criminal conviction on October 9, 2020.
- 41. When RESPONDENT entered a plea of guilty to a felony he was in a violation of NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(1), thereby subjecting RESPONDENT to all administrative penalties available under the Act.

COUNT IV

Failure by an Applicant, and Failure by a Mortgage Agent, to Command the Confidence of the Community and Warrant a Determination of Honest, Fair, and Efficient Dealings

42. The Division re-alleges and incorporates all foregoing facts and allegations as though fully set forth therein.

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- 43. At the time of *initial licensure* and at all times *thereafter*, a mortgage loan originator is required to conduct himself/herself and handle his/her business affairs in a manner that continuously demonstrates the character and general fitness so as to command the confidence of the community and warrant a determination that he/she will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently under the Act. <u>See NRS 645B.430(1)</u> and NRS 645B.410(3)(b)(5).
- 44. For the purposes of NRS 645B.670, NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(5) provides that a mortgage agent commits a violation if the mortgage agent demonstrates a lack of financial responsibility, character, and general fitness so as to lose the confidence of the community and warrant a determination that the mortgage agent will not operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently for purposes of the Statute.
- REPONDENT'S conduct as alleged in the foregoing, and as specifically set **45**. forth in Counts I through III, above, fails to meet the above-described required standards of a Nevada-licensed mortgage loan originator. Based not only upon the existence of the findings subject of the California and Idaho agreements to surrender his license as identified herein, RESPONDENT's repeated misrepresentations and/or omissions of material fact in connection with his application for Nevada licensure in 2020, as well as subsequent NMLS submissions and related attestations filed while in active licensure status in Nevada, demonstrates RESPONDENT's failures to conduct himself and handle his business and personal affairs in a manner that commands the confidence of the community and warrant the belief that he will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently under the Act. Such conduct as an applicant for a Nevada mortgage loan originator license, pursuant to NRS 645B.410(3)(b)(5), as well as by a licensed mortgage agent, pursuant to NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(5), constitute violations of NRS 645B.410(3)(b)(5) and NAC 645B(3)(d)(5), thereby subjecting RESPONDENT to all administrative penalties available under the Act. As authorized by NRS 645B.670(1)(a)(3), 645B.670(1)(c)(12), and NAC 645B.505(3)(d)(5), based upon RESPONDENT's conduct as described herein, the Division specifically imposes upon RESPONDENT,

administrative fine for RESPONDENT's failures to command the confidence of the community and warrant the belief that he will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently under the Act.

II.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AND ENTER FINAL ORDER REVOKING MORTGAGE AGENT LICENSE, IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

Based upon the factual allegations set forth in Section I, above, RESPONDENT is hereby given notice that it is the intent of the Commissioner to issue and enter a final order against RESPONDENT to impose as follows:

- A. Revocation of RESPONDENT's mortgage loan originator license;
- B. No administrative fine against RESPONDENT for violations of the Act as described in Counts I, II, III, and IV above; and
- C. Investigative costs against RESPONDENT in the total amount of \$300.00.

Prior to the issuance and entry of a final order, RESPONDENT is entitled to an opportunity for administrative hearing to contest this matter if RESPONDENT timely makes written application for such hearing in accordance with the instructions set forth in Section III below.2

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² Unless Respondent timely requests an administrative hearing, the amounts set forth herein as the intended fines, costs, and the other discipline set forth herein shall become the discipline imposed by the Commissioner against Respondent in a final order to be issued. Any negotiations or other discussions between the Division (directly or through its legal counsel) and Respondent regarding the matter shall not extend the time period in which Respondent must make the request to preserve the right to hearing.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

The following provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code are relevant to the right to hearing in this matter:

NRS 645B.750 Duty of Commissioner to provide written notice of disciplinary action or denial of license; administrative hearing; entry of final order; appeals.

- 1. If the Commissioner enters an order taking any disciplinary action against a person or denying a person's application for a license, the Commissioner shall cause a written notice of the order to be served personally or sent by certified mail or telegram to the person.
- 2. Unless a hearing has already been conducted concerning the matter, the person, upon application, is entitled to a hearing. If the person does not make such an application within 20 days after the date of the initial order, the Commissioner shall enter a final order concerning the matter.
- 3. A person may appeal a final order of the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 233B of NRS that apply to a contested case.

NRS 233B.121 Notice of hearing in contested case; contents of notice; representation by counsel; opportunity to respond and present evidence and argument; fees and mileage for witnesses; informal disposition; voluntary surrender of license in contested case deemed disciplinary action; contents of record; transcriptions; findings of fact.

- 1. In a contested case, all parties must be afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice.
- 2. The notice must include:
 - (a) A statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing.
 - (b) A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.

- (c) A reference to the particular sections of the statutes and regulations involved.
- (d) A short and plain statement of the matters asserted. If the agency or other party is unable to state the matters in detail at the time the notice is served, the initial notice may be limited to a statement of the issues involved. Thereafter, upon application, a more definite and detailed statement must be furnished.
- 3. Any party is entitled to be represented by counsel.
- 4. Opportunity must be afforded all parties to respond and present evidence and argument on all issues involved. An agency may by regulation authorize the payment of fees and reimbursement for mileage to witnesses in the same amounts and under the same conditions as for witnesses in the courts of this state.
- 5. Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order or default. If an informal disposition is made, the parties may waive the requirement for findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- 6. The voluntary surrender of a license in a contested case shall be deemed to constitute disciplinary action against the licensee.
- 7. The record in a contested case must include:
 - (a) All pleadings, motions and intermediate rulings.
 - (b) Evidence received or considered.
 - (c) A statement of matters officially noticed.
 - (d) Questions and offers of proof and objections, and rulings thereon.
 - (e) Proposed findings and exceptions.
 - (f) Any decision, opinion or report by the hearing officer presiding at the hearing.
- 8. Oral proceedings, or any part thereof, must be transcribed on request of any party. The party making the request shall pay all the costs for the transcription.

9. Findings of fact must be based exclusively on a preponderance of the evidence and on matters officially noticed.

NRS 233B.032 "Contested case" defined.

"Contested case" means a proceeding, including but not restricted to rate making and licensing, in which the legal rights, duties or privileges of a party are required by law to be determined by an agency after an opportunity for hearing, or in which an administrative penalty may be imposed.

If you wish to exercise your right to an opportunity for administrative hearing, within 20 calendar days after receiving this Notice, you must file a verified petition with the Commissioner to request a hearing. The verified petition must be delivered to:

Division of Mortgage Lending
Attn. Jennifer Hill
3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite #285
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

If you fail to timely file a verified petition to request a hearing, your right to a hearing to contest this matter will be deemed waived and relinquished and a final order will be issued and entered in this matter.

DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By: _____CATHY SHEEHY, COMMISSIONER