REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER **CHARLSY STRANGE AFFUSO** 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Charley Affuso (Affuso) do hereby agree 11 and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Affuso was licensed as a real estate broker with 17 Realty One Group – At the Beach. 18 1.2 On October 11, 2023, Sarah Boylan (Boylan) submitted a complaint against 19 Affuso on behalf of her client Richard Dir (Dir). The Agency opened an investigation. 20 1.3 According to the complaint, Boylan wrote that on August 19, 2023, over 1,100 21 real estate professionals received a defamation email from Affuso, regarding property owned 22 by Dir. 23 1.4 On April 10, 2023, Boylan, the listing agent, listed Dir's property located in 24 Lincoln City, Oregon (subject property). 25 1.5 On April 22, 2023, Affuso met a buyer at the open house, and wrote a sales 26 agreement which was then accepted on April 25, 2023. 27 1.6 An inspection of the subject property was completed on May 8, 2023. The next 28 day, a 121-page report was published. 29 30

- 1.7 On May 10, 2023, Affuso sent an email to Boylan letting her know the buyers were terminating the transaction due to the inspection report. On May 11, 2023, the buyers signed a Notice of Buyer's Unconditional Disapproval.
- 1.8 In an email to Affuso dated May 12, 2023, Boylan noted that since Affuso's clients had unconditionally disapproved of the house, that her client has the right to obtain a copy of the Inspection Report. Affuso emailed the Inspection Report to Boylan on May 13, 2023.
- 1.9 On August 19, 2023, Affuso sent an email on the Regional Multiple Listing Service's (RMLS) email service, FlexMLS. The subject of the email was "Buyers beware!!!! RMLS listing." In the email Affuso wrote, "Hello LCBR I wanted to bring to your attention [subject property]. This house is listed by a Portland Realtor. I had buyers go into contract on this house. We terminated after inspection. If you have buyers interested in this house, please reach out to me. The list of issues with this house is incredible. A foot of standing water in the crawlspace with ACTIVE open wires. The foundation is held up by split logs. Among other things."
- 1.10 In an interview with Agency Investigator Frank H. Leonard, Jr. (Leonard), on January 9, 2024, Affuso said "...we cancelled once we got the inspection report back. About three months later, the house goes up on the market again." Affuso said she went to the RMLS to look and there was "...no disclosures about what was found in the prior inspection report."
- 1.11 In her interview with Leonard, Affuso noted that she went to the RMLS and sent out an email regarding buyer beware regarding the subject property. Affuso told Leonard she was also a commissioner with the Lincoln City Planning Commission. Affuso said "I'm sorry, I'm not making excuses, I do take full responsibility for the email that was sent within a private MLS sector. That was not sent out to the public." Affuso said to Leonard that "I believe that my ethical duty to the public and by informing other agent to please do your due diligence…"
- 1.12 On February 21, 2024, Leonard interviewed Dir. Dir indicated that they are still having problems with people bringing up the email. Dir included that realtors and clients ask about the email that was sent stating buyers beware and talking about the repairs that needed to be done. Dir said the house has been on the market five or six months.

- (1) Conclusion of Law: By sending the "Buyers beware!!!!..." email using the RMLS email service, FlexMLS, which included the property address, direction for brokers and their buyers to contact her with questions, and issues found in the inspection report. Affuso violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.301(1)(7)(15) 2023 Edition.
- 1.13 All of the above demonstrates incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license.
- (2) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) (2023 Edition)

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- 2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Charlsy Affuso, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and 1 understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, 2 3 may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the 4 Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News 5 Journal. 6 7 In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 8 Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service. 9 10 11 ORDER IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Charley Affuso's broker license be, and hereby is 12 13 reprimanded. 14 15 16 17 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 18 19 DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: Charley Offuso 20 21 CHARLSY AFFUSO STEVEN STRODE 22 Real Estate Commissioner Date 5/8/2024 | 9:25 AM PDT 23 Date 5/6/2024 | 6:57 PM EDT 24 25 Date of Service: May 8, 2024 26 27 28 29 30