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# Understanding loan terms is essential to borrowers

B uyers dreaming of homeownership often shop for loans by looking for the program that has the lowest payments. In the past several years increasing numbers of these buyers have chosen payment option adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) to purchase a home thought unaffordable and to limit their monthly payments.

The large number of these loans that are now on the books and the gradual but steady increase in interest rates from the lows in 2003 have caught the attention of the national media, Federal Reserve and banking regulators. The concerns over rising interest rates, the slowing of the housing market and the potential financial impact of these loans on consumers is real. The payment option ARM typically allows the borrower to make payments, at their option, based on a 1% interest rate, interest only, with a 15-year or 30-year amortization but there are many variations. If these loans are marketed to buyers based on claims of low payments or housing affordability, then it can be assumed that many, if not most, buyers will choose the lowest payment option.

We have analyzed the impact on a buyer who takes a \$300,000 payment option ARM and makes the minimum payments of \$965.00 per month. The analysis is based on an actual adjustable rate note from a national lender. The note provides for first year payments based on a 1% interest rate, annual payment increases of no more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$ % of the previous payment for 5 years after which full payments must be made to amortize the loan over the remaining term. Interest is adjustable monthly beginning after the first month based on the Twelve-Month Average of monthly yields on actively traded United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year as published



by the Federal Reserve Statistical Release entitled "Selected Interest Rates (h-15)," otherwise known as the MTA. The margin is 3.10. Maximum deferred interest (negative amortization) is 115% of the original principal balance. There is no cap on the monthly rate increases and the life

# Helpful hints for licensees

icensees occasionally voice their frustration to DRE staff with respect to the processing timelines of original and renewal applications. Many of these delays are caused by deficient applications, or in other words, applications which are either incomplete or completed incorrectly.

First, let us explore the reasons why deficient applications and processing efficiencies are important. Simply stated, incomplete applications represent a time factor for DRE since we have to deal with the applications twice. This impacts our overall ability to process all applications faster. When applications are incomplete, licensing staff update the computer system to acknowledge receipt of the application and identify the problem, write a letter, set up a tracking file with copies of the documents, mail out the letter and forms, and wait for a response. When the response is received, Licensing staff retrieve the original submittal, match it to the new information, and process the application again.

During the past fiscal year, approximately 39% of the original and renewal applications submitted were incomplete

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# **Continuing education reminder**

Under the provisions of AB 223, all licensees who have a license expiration date of June 30, 2007, or later, or who file a renewal application on a late basis after that date, will be required to complete a DRE approved 3-hour course in Risk Management as part of their mandatory continuing education requirement. The continuing education requirement for salespersons who are completing their first renewal on and after July 1, 2007, will increase from 12 hours to 15 hours with the addition of a Risk Management course. All other salespersons and all brokers with a license expiration date of June 30, 2007, or later, or who renew on a late basis after that date, will be required to complete a course in Risk Management as part of their 45 hour continuing education requirement. For further information, check the DRE Web site.

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## Hints

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or needed clarification. Statistically speaking, that is over 60,000 applications that required double effort and significantly contributed to the overall processing timelines.

DRE's licensing staff, the technicians who process the applications and answer the license related phone calls, were recently polled and asked to identify the most common reasons for deficient applications. Their responses are as follows:

#### > Use the appropriate "change" application

Brokers should submit *broker* change applications, salespersons should submit *salesperson* change applications and corporations submit *corporation* change applications.

#### > Clarify information

For example, "N/A" (not applicable) or "Same" in the area of main office address on broker change applications is often unclear. DRE cannot reasonably decipher if the "N/A" indicates that the licensee wishes to remove their main office address and inactivate their license or if it is not applicable because the address has not changed. "Same" could be interpreted that the same as currently on file or the same as the mailing address. While it is perfectly clear to the licensee, such references can be misinterpreted.

#### Submit correct fees

Failure to submit a fee or the submission of an insufficient fee with an application requires the DRE to write to the licensee. If the licensee submits too much money, DRE must refund the excess. The processing of a refund takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and must pass through multiple staff for mandatory audit and control purposes before the refund request is forwarded to the State Controller to prepare the refund check. Please note the current fee schedule is on the form entitled, "Exam & Licensing Fees (RE 206)" or at *www.dre.ca.gov/fees.htm*.

#### Include all required documentation with the application

Missing documentation, such as "legal presence" on original applications or continuing education course verifications on renewals will cause applications to be incomplete.

#### Submit all application requirements in one package

If you do not, the information submitted separately may not be matched up and DRE may send out a deficiency letter. As a result, there may be confusion for the licensee as to whether or not DRE received the information at all.

#### > Submit your application via one method only

Often times an application is faxed, mailed, <u>and</u> entered into eLicensing. Only one method is necessary. With our current processing timeframes, application processing is normally concluded on all transactions within 20-40 days from receipt. You can check the DRE Web site at *www.dre.ca.gov/proc\_time.htm* for processing timeframes by the type of application submitted.

Incomplete/unanswered questions regarding violations of law This occurred on approximately 15% of original salesperson license applications that were submitted last fiscal year.

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# Rehabilitation and petitioning for reinstatement of a real estate license or removal of license restrictions

by Wayne S. Bell, Chief Counsel

alifornia law provides for the possibility of licensure, reinstatement of a real estate license, or removal of restrictions (including conditions and limitations) placed on such a license, on a case-by-case basis where there are criminal convictions, trust fund violations, or other types of malfeasance in a person's background. Of course there are some grievous cases where the Department of Real Estate (DRE) and the Commissioner of Real Estate will find it not possible to issue an unrestricted license or to reinstate a license.

But having a procedure for the initial licensure of an applicant who has had a prior adverse judgment on his or her character, and for reinstatement and the removal of restrictions, reflects a societal belief and recognition that people are capable of rehabilitation and reformation through meaningful and fundamental changes in their outlooks, attitudes and actions.

Any person seeking to convince DRE and the Commissioner that first time licensure or a reinstatement (or license restriction removal) is justified has the burden of proof to compellingly demonstrate that such a transformation has occurred. As suggested above, the more serious and egregious the misconduct or transgression, the more difficult it will be for the applicant or petitioner to convince DRE and the Commissioner that the relief sought is justified. Moreover, a petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for initial licensure. The proof presented must be sufficient to overcome the former adverse judgment regarding the petitioner's character.

# Petitioning for Reinstatement or Removal of Restrictions<sup>1</sup>

Real estate licensees who have had their licenses revoked or revoked with the right to a restricted license, or who have had their applications for a plenary (or full and complete) license denied but were granted a restricted license, can petition for reinstatement of that license or removal of restrictions attaching to the license. Where there is a voluntary surrender of a real estate license, "...a surrendered licensee may be relicensed only by petitioning for reinstatement..." Section 10100.2 of the California Business and Professions Code.

At least one year must have passed from the effective date of a decision revoking a license, or from the date of the denial of a similar petition, before a petition can be filed. Sometimes a greater period of time is specified in a decision of the Commissioner, a Court, or by Stipulation. DRE must give notice to the California Attorney General of the filing of the petition for reinstatement. See section 11522 of the California Government Code. Reinstatement or removal of restrictions is not a process which automatically takes place without a petition being filed.

To start the process, a Petition Application (form RE 506, available at *www.dre.ca.gov*) must first be filed with

any office of DRE. This petition will then be assigned to a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner for investigation. The investigation examines various aspects of the petitioner's life since DRE's action affecting his or her license. The purpose of the investigation is to evaluate and determine the existence and extent of the petitioner's rehabilitation. DRE and the Commissioner want to know if the petitioner has learned from past mistakes, addressed the conduct that led to the original discipline, and made the necessary corrections. When the petitioner is an individual, his or her work history since the license was revoked or restricted will be investigated, and civil, criminal, and bankruptcy court records, as well as internal DRE records, will be checked, among other things.

While a number of petitions for reinstatement or removal of restrictions are granted, many petitions are denied for various reasons. The criteria of rehabilitation (Commissioner's Regulation 2911) are used as guidelines to determine whether to grant the petition, and they contain a list of factors the DRE and the Commissioner will consider. The complete text of the Regulation containing the self-explanatory rehabilitation criteria can be accessed through DRE's Web site at *www.dre.ca.gov/regs\_sub.htm*.

A petitioner should consult and carefully review the criteria in order to develop a program of rehabilitation and to support his or her case for either reinstatement or removal of restrictions. Petitioners need to understand that rehabilitation is inherently fact based, that each case is different, and that there is no such thing as rehabilitation as a matter of law.

It should also be noted that not all of the factors listed in the criteria will be applicable in each case. Moreover, not all of the relevant factors will necessarily be given equal weight in evaluating the petitioner's rehabilitation.

For example, if a licensee has lost his or her license because of a criminal conviction, the department and the Commissioner will be acutely interested in knowing whether this conviction has been expunged and probation completed. That is because rehabilitation from the adverse impact of a criminal conviction is most accurately assessed after the licensee is beyond the restrictions of probation and the threat of incarceration.

Similarly, where persons have suffered financial loss due to the misconduct of the petitioner, restitution to the victims will be a foremost consideration as part of the determination as to whether the petitioner is rehabilitated. The nonpayment of debts or monetary obligations to persons other than the victims could also be closely considered under subsection (j) of Commissioner's Regulation 2911.

In addition to the criteria of rehabilitation, subsequent conduct that could have led to discipline or denial of a license under section 10177 of the California Business and

# Disciplinary Action: September 06 - November 06

- ✓ A list of actions is not published in this *Bulletin* until the 30-day period allowed for court appeal has expired, or if an appeal is filed and the disciplinary action is stayed, until the stay is dissolved. Names of persons to whom licenses are denied on application are not published.
- ✓ Licensees are listed alphabetically by the District Office region of responsibility.
- ✓ The license type is listed in parentheses after the licensee's name. [REB Real estate broker; RREB Restricted real estate broker; RES Real estate salesperson; RRES Restricted real estate salesperson; PRLS Prepaid rental listing service;

#### Commissioner's Regulations

Commissione	i s Regulations	
2715	Licensee's failure to maintain current business or mailing address with DRE	
2725	Failure of broker to exercise reasonable supervision over the	
	activities of his or her salespersons	
2726	Failure to have broker-salesperson agreements	
2731	Unauthorized use of fictitious business name	
2752	Broker's failure to notify DRE of salesperson employment	
2831	Failure to keep proper trust fund records	
2831.1	Inadequate separate trust fund beneficiary records	
2831.2	Failure to reconcile trust account	
2832	Failure to comply with trust fund handling provisions	
2832(d)	2832(d) Failure of broker holding trust funds contingent on offer of accep-	
	tance to properly place funds within 3 business days of acceptance	
2832(e)	Failure of broker acting as escrow holder to deposit trust funds in	
trust account by next business day following receipt		
2832.1	Failure to obtain permission to reduce trust fund balance in a	
	multiple beneficiary account	
2834	Trust account withdrawals by unauthorized or unbonded person	
2835	Retention of broker funds in trust account	
2840	Failure to give approved borrower disclosure	
2950(d)	Failure of broker handling escrows to maintain records and ac-	
	counts	
2950(g)	Broker-handled escrow disbursement without written instructions	
2950(h)	Failure to disclose interest in the agency holding the escrow	

2951 Improper record keeping for broker handled escrows

#### **Business and Professions Code**

	Business and Frojessions Code					
	490	Substantially related criminal conviction				
	490(a)	Substantially related criminal conviction				
	498	License obtained by fraud or misrepresentation				
	10130	Acting without license				
	10137	Unlawful employment or payment of compensation				
	10145	Trust fund handling				
	10145(a)	Trust fund handling				
	10145(d)	Violation of interest bearing trust account requirements				
	10148	Failure to retain records and make available for inspection				
	10159.2	Failure by designated officer to supervise licensed acts of				
		corporation				
	10159.5	Failure to obtain license with fictitious business name				
10161.8 Failure of broker to notify Commissioner of salesperson		Failure of broker to notify Commissioner of salesperson				
		employment				
	10162	Failure to maintain a place of business				
	10163	Failure to obtain a branch office license				
	10165	Failure to comply with specified B&P code sections				
	10176(a)	Making any substantial misrepresentation				
	10176(e)	Commingling trust funds with brokers funds				
	10176(g)	Secret profit or undisclosed compensation				
	10176(i) Fraud or dishonest dealing in licensed capacity					
	10177(a)	Procuring a real estate license by misrepresentation or material				
		false statement				
	10177(b)	Conviction of crime				
	10177(d)	Violation of real estate law or regulations				

RPRLS – Restricted prepaid rental listing service; REO – Real estate officer; REC – Real estate corporation]

✓ Below are brief summaries of various regulations and code sections. The full text of the sections is available on the DRE Web site www.dre.ca.gov under Real Estate Law and/or Regulations.



✓ Disciplinary actions that are "stayed" means there is "a delay in carrying out" all or part of the recommended discipline.

10177(f)	Conduct that would have warranted denial of a license			
10177(g)	Negligence or incompetence in performing licensed acts			
10177(h)	Failure to supervise salespersons or licensed acts of corporation			
10177(k)	Violation of restricted license condition			
10229(i)	Failure to properly handle trust funds on multi-lender loans			
10231	Accepting loan funds for other than a specific loan			
10232.2	Failure to file or maintain trust fund status			
10232.4	Failure to give lender/purchaser disclosure			
10232.4(a)	Failure to give and retain copy of lender/purchaser disclosure			
10234	Failure by broker negotiating mortgage loan to record or cause			
	trust deed to be recorded			
10234.4	Failure to timely record trust deed in name of beneficiary			
10240	Failure to give mortgage loan disclosure statement			
10241	Improper mortgage loan disclosure statement			
11018.2	Sale of subdivision lots without a public report			
Financial Code				

### 4973(b) Violation of covered loan prohibitions regarding negative amor-

	tization, & installment payment totals
4979.6	Financing excessive points and fees in covered loan

#### **REVOKED LICENSES**

#### FRESNO REGION

- Ehda, Christine Louise (RES) 4830 Nogales, Atascadero Effective: 11/15/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)
- Linderman, Queenie Mahalia (RES) 507 Placer Creek Dr., Patterson *Effective:* 11/1/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)
- Majors, Colleen Mary (RES) 231 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo *Effective:* 10/10/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)
- Reyes, Victor Martinez (RRES) 215 ¾ Kelly St., Modesto *Effective:* 10/31/06 *Violation:* 10177(k)



#### LOS ANGELES REGION

Autowin, Inc. (REC) 17822 East 17<sup>th</sup> St., Center 402, Tustin *Effective:* 9/29/06 *Violation:* 2725, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2835, 2840, 2950(d), 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240

Betancourt, Ishmael Avila (REB, REO) 916 N. Mount Vernon, Colton Effective: 11/20/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Cabrera, Jose A. (REB) 8132 Firestone Blvd., #74, Downey Effective: 9/12/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Castro, Fernando Alberto (RES) 10547 Avenue S, Littlerock *Effective:* 11/14/06 *Violation:* 490(a), 10177(b)

Chekmeyan, Susanna (RES) 12921 Oxnard St., #9, Van Nuys Effective: 9/22/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

#### Choice Financial Funding, Inc. (REC) 21 Brookline, Aliso Viejo *Effective:* 11/20/06 *Violation:* 2731, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 2840, 2950(d)(g)(h),

10145, 10159.5, 10165, 10177(d)(g), 10240

Clarke, Kevin Mattes (REB) 25202 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. 216, Torrance *Effective:* 11/7/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)(f)

#### Cusack, John Bernard (RES)

5112 Dunbar Ave., D, Huntington Beach Effective: 10/31/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Dawson, Sherry Ann (RES) 2713 Arbor, Lakewood Effective: 9/27/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Del Toro, Phil (RES) 114 North Palm Ave., Santa Paula Effective: 10/19/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Evans, Ryan Gordon (RES) 7915 E. Menton Ave., Anaheim *Effective:* 10/31/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Garavito, Mike A. (RES) PO Box 2464, Lancaster Effective: 11/7/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gonzalez, Michael Anthony (RES) 745 S. Oakland Ave., Pasadena Effective: 11/27/06 Violation: 10177(f)

Guerrero, Angel Ibarra (RES) 3 Stage Coach Ln., #210, Carson *Effective:* 11/20/06 *Violation:* 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)

Kairis, Paul Richard (RES) 24060 Camino Del Avion, Dana Point Effective: 11/7/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Kittrell, B. Bruce (REB) 25202 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. 200, Torrance Effective: 9/11/06 Violation: 10177(f)

Kuo, Samuel H. (RES) 3707 Gilman Rd., #A, El Monte *Effective:* 10/5/06 *Violation:* 490(a), 10177(b)

Martin, Thomas (RES) 3948 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach Effective: 10/11/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Nargizyan, Ambartsum (RES) 7047 Sunnyslope Ave., Van Nuys *Effective:* 11/7/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Nunez, Edward (REB, REO) 9784 Stanwin Ave., Arleta *Effective:* 10/6/06 *Violation:* 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)

Otterstrom, Lillian Eva (RES) 5924 Naples Plaza, Long Beach Effective: 9/13/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Pritchard, Michael Joseph Jr. (RES) 21806 Raintree Ln., Lake Forest *Effective:* 11/7/06 Violation: 498, 10177(a)

Slayman, Summer Tiffany (RES) 3473 Tweedy Blvd., South Gate *Effective:* 9/12/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

**TPC 2000, Inc. (REC)** 9550 Flair Dr., #512, El Monte *Effective:* 9/25/06 *Violation:* 2840, 10176(g)(i), 10177(d)(g), 10240, 10241

**Upshaw, Demetrious (RES)** 1264 Taft St., Irvine *Effective:* 9/27/06 *Violation:* 490, 498(a), 10177(b)

#### OAKLAND REGION

 Bhandari, Sarweshwer Chandra (REB)

 3142 Baylis St., Fremont

 Effective:
 9/25/06

 Violation:
 490, 10177(b)

Bignotti, Charlotte Marie (RES) 576 Lassen St., Los Altos Effective: 11/3/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

California Plan, Inc. (REC) 3595 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose *Effective:* 11/1/06 *Violation:* 10176(a)(e), 10177(d), 10232.2, 10234(a)

Chaves, Roberto Briones (RES) 2260 B Quimby Rd., San Jose Effective: 9/25/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Dominguez, Michael Bowley (RES) 2019 Rapallo Way, Bay Point Effective: 11/28/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Dooley, Matthew Morgan (RES) 27 Eagle Rock Rd., Mill Valley Effective: 9/7/06 Violation: 490

Jackson, Yacine (RES) PO Box 5475, South San Francisco *Effective:* 9/25/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Kazemi, Sweeda A (RES) 813 Corporate Way, Fremont Effective: 11/28/06 Violation: 10177(b)

Nahavandi, Ahmad (RES) 6077 Snell Ave., #438, San Jose *Effective:* 9/20/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Schneider, Michael Joseph (REB, REO) 3595 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose *Effective:* 11/1/06 *Officer of:* California Plan, Inc. *Violation:* 2725, 10177(d)(h)

Springer, Michael Guy (REB) 4622 Leonard Rd., Mariposa Effective: 11/16/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

**Tran, Diem Vu (RES)** 202 South 13<sup>th</sup> St., San Jose *Effective:* 9/7/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Vartanian, George (RES) 218 Louise Ln., San Mateo *Effective:* 10/4/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Zubow, Abraham David (RES) 17505 Monterey St., Morgan Hill *Effective:* 9/19/06 *Violation:* 490(a), 10177(b)

#### SACRAMENTO REGION

Anyanwu, Katrina Chiamaka (RES) PO Box 668, Stockton *Effective:* 11/29/06 *AKA:* King, Katrina Arlene *Violation:* 498, 10177(a)

Felt, Steve Randall (RES) 2396 Heinemann Dr., Valley Springs *Effective:* 9/20/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Micheli, Nicholas Joseph (RES) 9111 Kent Ave., Live Oak Effective: 9/26/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Nguyen, Kevin Hoa (RES) 5905 Isaac Way, Elk Grove *Effective:* 9/26/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Nolivo, Girolamo Marcello (RES) 2111 Arnold Dr., Rocklin Effective: 11/28/06 Violation: 10177(b)

Perry, Markeith La'Mont (RES) PO Box 516, Fortuna Effective: 9/20/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Wehrman, Beverly Jean (REB) 343 Delleker Rd., Portola *Effective:* 10/30/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Whitney, Richard Willingham (REB) 2740 Fulton Ave., Ste. 224, Sacramento *Effective:* 9/5/06 *Violation:* 10177(f)(j)(k)

Young, Mark Anthony Sr. (RES) 2214 Arden Way, #118, Sacramento *Effective:* 9/13/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

#### SAN DIEGO REGION

Ballon, Bob I. (RES) 7865 Hillandale Dr., San Diego *Effective:* 9/13/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)(f)(j)

Contemprato, Leila Soto (RES) 8616 Troy St., Spring Valley Effective: 10/26/06 Violation: 10176(g)(i), 10177(g)(j)

Davis, James Brice (RES) 38960 Calle Hermosa, #1, Murrieta *Effective:* 10/16/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Eeds, R. Anson (RES) 2056 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla *Effective:* 10/18/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Fields, Huelan Ray (REB, REO) 166 E. Main St., #1, San Jacinto

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#### Hytlem, Kent Bryan (RES)

12678 Carmel Country Rd., #23, San Diego *Effective:* 11/29/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(a)(b)

J Dayne Incorporated (REC) 840 Crenshaw Dr., Hemet Effective: 10/4/06 Violation: 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 2835, 10145,

10176(e), 10177(d) **Kane, Kevin Mikel (RES)** 6820 Red Cardinal Ct., Corona *Effective:* 10/23/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Kelly, Richard Otha (RES) 550 West C St., Ste. 1000, San Diego *Effective:* 10/17/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Ontiveros, Franklin (RES) 3614 College Blvd., #106, Oceanside Effective: 10/17/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Quinonez, Shelli Rae (RES) 1515 Second St., #301, Coronado *Effective:* 10/18/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Styc, Atoosa Vanessa (RES) 7258 Romero Dr., La Jolla *Effective:* 11/13/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

The Rose Fund, Inc. (REC) 12526 High Bluff Dr., Ste. 300, San Diego *Effective:* 11/28/06 *Violation:* 2842.5, 4973(b), 4979.6, 10148, 10177(g), 10232.4, 10240, 10241 Wells, Jean (RES)

2931 Degen Dr., Bonita Effective: 10/17/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

#### REVOKED WITH A RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

#### LOS ANGELES REGION

Anderson, Diane Davis (RES) 8117 W. Manchester Ave., #655, Playa Del Rey *Effective:* 10/23/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Barrow, Robin Renee (RES) 7913 Hemlock Ave., Hesperia *Effective:* 10/18/06 *Violation:* 490 Right to RRES license on terms and conditions Berry, Jimmy (REB) 19332 Balan Rd., Rowland Heights *Effective:* 9/28/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Braker, Charles John (REB, REO)

10221 Slater Ave., Ste. 109, Fountain Valley Effective: 10/23/06 Officer of: Charles J. Braker, Inc. Violation: 2715, 2831, 2834, 10145, 10162, 10240, 10241(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Charles J. Braker, Inc. (REC)

10221 Slater Ave., Ste. 109, Fountain Valley Effective: 10/23/06 Violation: 2715, 2831, 2834, 10145, 10162, 10240, 10241(b) Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Fuerth, Cheryl Christine (REB)

968 Palo Verde Ave., Long Beach Effective: 11/16/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

#### Mahoney, Regina (RES)

5277 Sierra Rd., San Bernardino Effective: 11/15/06 Violation: 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Mangione, Christopher A. (REB, REO) 5812 Vespor Ave., Van Nuys *Effective:* 10/2/06 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Mansfield, Allion A. (RES)

20720 Campania Ln., Northridge Effective: 9/7/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Murphy, Paula-Jean M. (RES)

625 17<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan Beach Effective: 10/2/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Perez, Juan A. (RES)

10373 Amherst Ave., Montclair Effective: 11/7/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Rasmussen, Lisa Anne (RES)

PO Box 8526, Green Valley Lake Effective: 11/21/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Rodova, Natalia Leonid (RES) 17563 Ventura Blvd., Encino *Effective:* 9/12/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Saldivar, Vincent Daniel (RES)

3127 N. Driftwood, Orange Effective: 9/5/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Sandusky, Aaron (REB, REO)

8598 Utica Ave., #100, Rancho Cucamonga Effective: 10/24/06 Officer of: Mortgage Solutions Network, Inc. Violation: 490, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145(a), 10177(d), 10240 Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Torres, Brian (RES)

725 Bowcreek Dr., Diamond Bar Effective: 11/15/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

U S National Bancorp (REC) 4525 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks Effective: 10/2/06 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2950(d), 10145, 10177(d)(g) Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

### U S National Lending (REC)

15303 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 850, Sherman Oaks *Effective:* 10/2/06 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 10145, 10177(d)(g) Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Webb, Catherine Donise (RES) 38631 Annette Ave., Palmdale *Effective:* 9/5/06 *Violation:* 498, 10177(a) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Webb, Mandy Estelle (RES) 20722 Brookdale Ln., Huntington Beach *Effective:* 9/20/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(B) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### OAKLAND REGION

Breyer, Dawn Marie (RES) 4765 Meritage Ct., Gilroy *Effective:* 9/7/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Buenrostro, Guillermina (RES) PO Box 59315, San Jose Effective: 10/16/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Dutton, George R. (REB) 115 Foss Creek Circle, Healdsburg *Effective:* 11/29/06 *Violation:* 10177(f)(g) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Hines, Teresita Isabel del Rosario (RES) 3126 Harbor St., Pittsburg *Effective:* 10/20/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Matos, Arnaldo S. (REB) 1897 Alum Rock Ave., #20, San Jose *Effective:* 9/7/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Putzeys, Francisco (RES) 4411 Rocky Point Dr., Antioch *Effective:* 11/29/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### SACRAMENTO REGION

Roth, James Gordon (RES) 4361 Hillock Dr., Placerville *Effective:* 11/22/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Stuart, Christopher Paul (RES) 1069 Lavastone Dr., Lincoln *Effective:* 10/30/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### SAN DIEGO REGION

Acosta, Pamela Kaye (RES) 2655 Camino Del Rio North, Ste. 450, San Diego *Effective:* 9/26/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions; Restricted license suspended for 60 days

Alcaraz, Raul Patrick (RES) 6540 Reflection Dr., #1310, San Diego Effective: 9/11/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### Blanchard, Judith Rebasz (REB)

1154 Pasatiempo Rd., Palm Springs *Effective:* 9/11/06 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

#### Kammerzell, Patricia (RRES)

3629 S. Barcelona, #2, Spring Valley *Effective:* 11/15/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

McKenzie, Robert (REB) 13350 Poway Rd., Poway Effective: 11/6/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions Melfe, Richard Allan (RREB)

3485 Corte Sonrisa, Carlsbad Effective: 11/29/06 Violation: 2731, 10159.5, 10177(d)(k) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Prince, Angela Louise (RES) 28820 Bridgewater, Menifee *Effective:* 10/23/06 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

#### SUSPENDED WITH STAY

#### LOS ANGELES REGION

Bernal, Helen Marie (REB, REO) 35232 N. Trenmar Dr., Acton *Effective:* 10/19/06 *Officer of:* Eagle Loan Service, Inc. *Violation:* 2831, 2831.2, 10177(d), 10231, 10234 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

An, George M. (REB)

11358 Old Ranch Cir., Chatsworth *Effective:* 11/14/06 *Violation:* 2840, 10137, 10163, 10177(d)(g), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Capital Plus Financial Corp. (REC)

909 W. Laurel St., Ste. 250, San Diego *Effective:* 11/20/06 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Chisick, Mark David (REB, REO)

2301 N. Glassell St., Ste. 200, Orange Effective: 9/18/06 Officer of: First United Home Loans Violation: 10159.2, 10177(h) Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

## Eagle Loan Service, Inc. (REC) 35232 N. Trenmar Dr., Acton

*Effective:* 10/19/06 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.2, 10177(d), 10231, 10234 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for

2 years on terms and conditions

#### Elam, Mechel Bernard (RES)

137 N. Larchmont Blvd., #194, Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/31/06 *Violation:* 10130, 10177(d) Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

#### Fairon, Patrick Michelle (REB, REO)

2010 Main St., Ste. 500, Irvine *Effective:* 9/20/06 *Officer of:* Loannow Financial Corp. *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(h) Suspended for 120 days-90 days stayed for 2 years on terms



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Gold Value California Realty, Inc. (REC) 17404 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 100, Encino 9/19/06 Effective: 10137 Violation: Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

#### Holborn, Ronald (REB, REO)

151 E. Con	nmonwealth Ave.,
Fullerton	
Effective:	11/15/06
Violation:	10177(g)

Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions Imperial Lending Corp. (REC)

- 9690 Telstar Ave., Ste. 226, El Monte 9/25/06 Effective: 2840, 10177(d)(g), Violation: 10240, 10241 Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions
- Jeynson, Richard Christopher (REB, REO) 6310 San Vicente Blvd., #290, Los Angeles 10/23/06 Effective: 2725, 2752, 2840, Violation: 10137, 10161.8, 10177(d)(g)(h), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### King, Grant Walker (REB, REO)

468 Camden, #200, Beverly Hills Effective: 10/23/06 New American Real Officer of: Estate Management Group, Inc. 10159.2, 10177(h) Violation · Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Lee, Rich S. (REB, REO)

6105 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera 10/2/06 Effective: Violation: 2831, 2832(d), 2840, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Lipar, Dougals Allen (REB, REO)

909 W. Laurel St., Ste. 250, San Diego Effective: 11/20/06 Capital Plus Officer of: Financial Corp. 10177(g) Violation: Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Loannow Financial Corp. (REC) 2010 Main St., Ste. 500, Irvine Effective: 9/20/06 Violation: 2726, 2831, 2831.2, 2840, 2950(d), 2951, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240 Suspended for 120 days-90 days stayed for 2 years on terms and

### Mortgage Solutions Network, Inc.

(REC) 8598 Útica Ave., #100, Rancho Cucamonga Effective: 10/24/06 Violation: 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145(a), 10177(d), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-all but 30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

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151 E. Commonwealth Ave., Ste. A, Fullerton 11/15/06 Effective: Violation: 10177(g) Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Talai-Shahir, Mohammad R. (REB, REO)

17404 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 100, Encino 9/19/06 Effective: Gold Value Officer of: California Realty, Inc

Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

Top One Financial Group, Inc. (REC) 9080 Telstar Ave., #326, El Monte Effective: 9/25/06 2840, 10177(d)(g), Violation: 10240, 10241 Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

**Top-Hon Financial Group, Inc. (REC)** 615 Las Tunas Dr., #C, Arcadia Effective: 9/25/06 Violation: 2840, 10177(d)(g), 10240, 10241 Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### **OAKLAND REGION**

#### Simmons, Margaret Glenys (RES) 620 Watson Rd., Ukiah *Effective:* 10/31/06

Violation: 2801.5, 10177(d), 11018.2 Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### SACRAMENTO REGION

Ryan, Leslie Eugene (REB) 495A East Perkins St., Ukiah Effective: 10/31/06 2801.5, 10177(d), Violation: 11018.2 Suspended for 45 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### SAN DIEGO REGION

**Bradley, Frederick Charles** (REB, REO) 9906 Carmel Mountain Rd., San Diego Effective: 10/25/06 Officer of: Eagle Estates, Inc. 2752, 2831, 2831.2, Violation: 2832, 2950(h), 10145, 10161.8, 10163, 10165, 10176(e), 10177(d)(g)(h) Suspended for 150 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Cal-Prop Management, Inc. (REC)

4406 Bayard St., San Diego Effective: 11/15/06 2731, 2831, 2831.1, Violation: 2831.2, 2832.1, 2834, 2835, 10145, 10145(d), 10177(d) Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Eagle Estates, Inc. (REC)

9906 Carmel Mountain Rd., San Diego Effective: 10/25/06 2752, 2831, 2831.2, Violation: 2832, 2950(h), 10145, 10161.8, 10163, 10165, 10176(e), 10177(d) Suspended for 150 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Edelmuth, Peter Leslie (REB, REO) 6120 Paseo Del Norte, #A-2,

Carlsbad 9/19/06 Effective: Pacific Invest. Prop. Officer of: Violation: 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145 10159.2, 10176(g), 10177(d)(h)

Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

- Harris, Edgar A. (REB) 804 Muirwood Dr., Oceanside *Effective:* 9/19/06 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 40 days-20 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions
- Holbrook, Daniel Robert (REB, REO) 5050 Avenica Encinitas, Ste. 160, Carlsbad *Effective:* 10/30/06 *Violation:* 2715, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 10145, 10159 2, 10161 8

10177(d)(h), 10229(i), 10240 Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Kahn, Sydney Eric (REB, REO)

9245 Regents Rd., #M208, La Jolla *Effective:* 11/20/06 *Violation:* 2831, 2832.1, 10145, 10176(a)(g), 10177(d),

10232.4, 10240 Suspended for 120 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

## Pacific Investment Properties (REC)

(Allo) 6120 Paseo Del Norte, #A-2, Carlsbad *Effective:* 9/19/06 *Violation:* 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10176(g), 10177(d) Suspended for 90 days-stayed for

2 years on terms and conditions

#### Sanders, David Alan (REB)

7317 El Cajon Blvd., Ste. 201, La Mesa Effective: 11/20/06 Violation: 2715, 2731, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 10145, 10176(e), 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days-stayed for

2 years on terms and conditions

#### The Atvantage Group, Inc. (REC)

5050 Avenida Encinitas, Ste. 160, Carlsbad Effective: 10/30/06 Violation: 2715, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 10145, 10161.8, 10177(d), 10229(i), 10240 Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### Thornton, Richard Neil (REO)

4406 Bayard St., San Diego *Effective:* 11/15/06 *Violation:* 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832.1, 2834, 2835, 10145, 10145(d), 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions Wilson, Dwight Wesley (REB) 193 Sir Bedivere Dr., Riverside Effective: 10/25/06 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

#### LICENSE SURRENDERED

(Licenses voluntarily surrendered per B&P Code §10100.2 during an administrative action/investigation)

#### LOS ANGELES REGION

Beltran, Abe Edward (RES) 1010 North 12<sup>th</sup> St., Colton *Effective:* 9/18/06

Crane, Gabe F. (RES) PO Box 5342, Santa Barbara Effective: 10/11/06

Fernandez, Sergio Vazquez (RES) 13821 Philadelphia, Whittier Effective: 11/6/06

FS Funding Corp. (REC) 732 S. Bonnie Brae St., #113, Los Angeles *Effective:* 9/11/06

Giglio, Marcelo (REB, REO) 315 Villanova Rd., Costa Mesa *Effective:* 9/18/06

Lloyd, Terry (RES) 3045 Hollycrest Dr., Los Angeles *Effective:* 9/14/06

Moore, Michelle (REB) 15790 Wyandot Rd., Apple Valley *Effective:* 11/6/06

New American Real Estate Management Group, Inc. (REC) 695 Town Center Dr., Ste. 120, Costa Mesa Effective: 10/11/06

Sahakian, Anoush (RES) 1432 Barrington Way, #101, Glendale Effective: 11/6/06

Carmela Bergantino (RES) 2471 Loy Ln., Los Angeles *Effective:* 11/20/06

#### SAN DIEGO REGION

Arizola, Christina (REB, REO) 27315 Jefferson Ave., Ste. J212, Temecula *Effective:* 11/22/06

Compton, Donna Marie (RES) 4558 Hancock Cir., Oceanside *Effective:* 9/11/06

Compton, Matthew Todd (REB, REO) 4558 Hancock Cir., Oceanside *Effective:* 9/11/06

Lyles, Neal Ray (RES) 1168 La Tortuga Dr., Vista *Effective:* 9/12/06

Martens, Norvel Henry Jr. (RES) 720 Calle Regal, Encinitas *Effective:* 10/26/06



# Extra money in the pocket for new home buyers

from California Housing Finance Agency

ualified homebuyers can receive grant money currently averaging \$3,600 per grant—to be used for down payment, closing costs, upgrades, or any costs associated with their first mortgage loans, courtesy of the California Housing Finance Agency's (CalHFA) *School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program.* 

The School Facility Fee program is funded by money from the voter-approved Proposition 46, and is intended for California home buyers purchasing newly constructed single-family homes or condominiums. As an added bonus, if the buyer lives in the home for five years or more, the money does not have to be repaid.

Under the program, there are two plans for which applicants may qualify:

- Home buyers purchasing newly constructed homes (that do not exceed the maximum sales price limits) in the program's defined economically distressed areas; *or*
- 2) First-time home buyers who are deemed to be within the program's moderate income limits, purchasing a new home anywhere in California.

Under either scenario, applicants who qualify receive a partial or full grant of the school facility fees paid by the builder, depending on which program benefits them the most.

In both cases, the amount of assistance given to the qualified buyer is based on the eligible school facility fees paid by the builder. To date, CalHFA has issued more than 8,000 School Facility Fee grants to new home buyers for a total of \$25.9 million.

Although the housing market has recently become more challenging, CalHFA is continuing to develop innovative ways to sustain growth while creating affordable homeownership opportunities for Californians. For specific details about the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program, as well as CalHFA's entire suite of homebuyer assistance

products, please visit our Web site at *www.calhfa.ca.gov*, or call CalHFA at 877.9.CalHFA (877.922.5432).



# **Mixed-use subdivisions**

ixed-use subdivisions, combining commercial and residential land uses in one common interest development, are gaining popularity in urban areas. Mitigating discord between commercial and residential mixed-use owners requires proper planning and design and an effective homeowners association.

A subdivider must apply for a subdivision public report for every subdivision of five or more units in which at least one unit is residential. The Department reviews the application and the management documents for legal requirements and fairness.

Since there are different development standards for commercial and residential uses, the design and planning of the subdivision begins with the local government entitlement process. At that time, the local government will determine which commercial uses are appropriate for that development. Often local jurisdictions prefer a retail use rather than a restaurant use because noise and parking problems can be more easily mitigated.

Parking issues will be resolved during the review process. The amount of required commercial parking will be determined by the type of commercial use. Local governments use a parking space formula based on the type of commercial use and the square footage of commercial space to be occupied. Residential parking is calculated on the number of condominium units in the subdivision.

After design, planning and other local entitlement issues (such as the hours of operation of the commercial use) are resolved, the CCRs and other governing documents of the subdivision can be crafted based on the decisions made during the local review process. Properly designed homeowners associations help facilitate the

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differing interests and goals of both residential and commercial owners. The method selected for structuring the mixed use governing documents should compliment the design of the development. Properly prepared governing documents should allocate voting powers fairly between commercial and residential owners. To avoid domination by one form of land use over the other, the documents should guarantee that the minority interest would have a proper level of authority and control on the Board of Directors.

There are two methods generally used for structuring governing documents to fairly deal with shared space issues between residential and commercial owners. In the first method, governing documents may establish one homeowners association with CCRs creating rules for joint and separate ownership of commercial and residential property. In the second method, governing documents could provide for separate owners associations, linked by shared use agreements detailing policies and procedures for management and operation of the commercial and residential interests. Issues concerning maintenance, repairs and replacement of common facilities, and for the use of shared spaces would be controlled either by a single set of CCRs or by shared use agreements.

One association could be more appropriate for the management of a single structure mixed use development. Increased interaction between residential and commercial owners in a single structure mixed use subdivision renders a greater need for increased control over those types of developments.

A carefully crafted homeowners association can establish workable rules governing the conduct and operation of the association and avoid many of the problems which could otherwise occur. Properly created mixed-use developments will enable housing consumers to enjoy affordable and convenient dwelling alternatives to more expensive single family homes.

## Rehabilitation and Petitioning

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Professions Code may be considered by DRE and the Commissioner when deciding a petition. To illustrate, a petitioner who had his or her license revoked based on dishonest conduct and has been convicted of a crime since the license revocation, could find his or her petition denied, depending on the nature of the crime. In a similar vein, a real estate broker or corporation with a restricted license might have a petition denied if the investigation of the petition reveals new violations of the Real Estate Law.

When a corporation is applying for reinstatement, or an individual petitioner's license was revoked because of trust fund violations and issued a restricted broker license, an audit will generally be ordered to ascertain whether that corporation or petitioner is presently in compliance with the Real Estate Law.

At the end of the investigation, the petitioner will be interviewed by the assigned Deputy Commissioner. This gives the department and the Commissioner the opportunity to find out from the petitioner, in his or her words, past and current views, attitudes (especially toward the prior misconduct), outlooks, corrective actions, and the like. When the investigation is completed, the petition and the Deputy Commissioner's report of investigation containing a recommended course of action, either to grant or to deny the petition, is sent to DRE's Legal section for review. The Legal section will then generally prepare an order for submission to the Commissioner for his or her decision as to whether or not to grant or deny the petition.

If the petition is granted, a copy will be sent to the petitioner. It will set forth the terms and conditions to be met before a license can be issued. Conditions vary, but often include a requirement for the submittal of an application for the new license and payment of the required fee, and for the successful completion of the appropriate continuing education courses. If a substantial period of time has passed since the petitioner had a license revoked, the taking and passing of a salesperson's or broker's examination is also generally required.

Every petitioner for reinstatement or removal of restrictions needs to provide clear, competent, persuasive and unassailable evidence to DRE and the Commissioner that there has been a positive change in his or her life, a lawful lifestyle, and rehabilitative efforts and activities which warrant the granting of his or her petition. By using and meeting the applicable criteria of rehabilitation in the Commissioner's Regulations, a petitioner may make a showing of actual rehabilitation sufficient to receive favorable consideration of his or her petition.

<sup>1</sup> Much of the material was written several years ago by Robert E. Baker, then the Assistant Chief Counsel of DRE's Los Angeles legal office. It has been edited, modified and updated for this edition of the Real Estate Bulletin.

### **Option Loans**

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cap is 9.95%. As of the date this article was written, the index value for the Monthly Treasury Average was 4.88 making the fully indexed interest rate 8.0% after rounding. Let's assume that there are no increases in the index for the first 5 years (a very conservative and unrealistic assumption). The loan term is 360 months.

After year one the balance has increased, because of negative amortization, from the original \$300,000 to \$312,814; after year 2, \$325,787; and after year 3, \$338,861. After the 43<sup>rd</sup> month, the deferred interest maximum is met (\$345,328). Since there have been payment increases of 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ % each year, the monthly payment of \$1,199.00 after year 3, would increase to \$2,604.00 per month (the fully amortizing payment over the remaining 317 months) - an increase of \$1,405.00 monthly barring any interest rate increases for the life of the loan. Considering that the one-year Treasury Security index value has increased almost 400% since January 2004, even though interest rate increases have slowed recently, the likelihood that this loan would achieve its maximum interest rate good. If case afof 9.95% is very that were the case after 43

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case afmonths, monthly payments w o u l d h a v e b a l looned to \$3,063, a 317% increase from the original payment of \$965.00.00 per month.

Unless the buyers have planned for the payment increases by either expected increases in income, setting aside all or part of the monthly payment differentials, or some other financial plan to meet the increased debt service, the financial impact could be severe. Couple that with the slowing of the housing market with values either leveling off or decreasing in some markets, the buyer who failed to plan could be forced into selling the home, possibly using a short sale if the loan balance exceeded the sales price, or even foreclosure. Some of these loans that closed in the last three to four years may soon be reaching their maximum allowed balances.

That is why it is incumbent upon licensees who arrange loans as mortgage brokers to completely detail the terms of these loans both in their advertising and when consulting with consumers and discussing different loan options. That includes an explanation of the rates at which interest can accrue and the effects of

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#### Employing broker signature on salesperson applications

Employing brokers must sign salesperson renewal applications even if the salesperson is not new to their organization. Signatures other than the employing broker or missing signatures cause application deficiencies and delays.

# Proper authorized signatures Corporations

The only individuals who can sign applications of any sort, on behalf of a corporation, are the licensed broker/officers.

#### Contact numbers

Provide DRE with your telephone numbers. Many times a call to the licensee will resolve the issue quickly.

Additional application review tips are posted on our Web site at *www.dre.ca.gov/tips.htm*.

## **Option Loans**

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deferred interest. Licensees who sell these loan programs based on their benefits (i.e., low payment options), must also explain the risks involved and help borrowers determine if such a program is right for them or not. Payment option, interest only and other such ARM loan products may not be right for everyone, especially first-time buyers and those who are trying to afford a home for which they may not otherwise qualify.

The terms of these loans are laid out in the adjustable rate note, addendums and disclosures. While it is incumbent on all

buvers/borrowers to read and understand these documents, the details can be daunting. There are many variations of these loans on the market today. It is the fiduciary duty of each licensee who represents the borrower in obtaining a loan to completely explain the terms and discuss the relative merits and risks of these loan products well before the point of signing loan documents. (Revised 4/12/2007) 🔿

