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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

AMERICAN PREMIER FUNDING INC, ERIC VACA, President, Owner, Designated Broker, QUARTEZ WYNN, Loan Originator, DREW GREENE, Loan Originator, DANIEL PISANI, Loan Originator, MICHELLE KARVOUNIS, Loan Originator, IRENE GUEVARA, Loan Originator, and NANCY KARVOUNIS, Loan Originator,

Respondents.

NO. C-09-261-10-FO01

FINAL ORDER

IRENE GUEVARA

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. <u>Default.</u> This matter has come before the Director of the Department of
Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services
Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On December 7, 2009, the
Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of
Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Revoke or Suspend Mortgage Broker or Loan
Originator License, Prohibit from Industry, Impose Fine, Order Restitution, and Collect Investigation
and Travel Recovery Costs (Statement of Charges). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached
and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a
cover letter dated December 9, 2009, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing,
and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for all Respondents. The Department served the
Statement of Charges, cover letter, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and

blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent Irene Guevara (Respondent) on December 9, 2009, by Federal Express overnight delivery and First-Class mail. On December 10, 2009, the documents sent via Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The documents sent via First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.

Respondent did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served her with the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

- B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for entry of a final decision included the following: Statement of Charges, cover letter dated December 9, 2009, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent, with documentation of service.
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges as it pertains to Respondent, which is attached hereto.

II. FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

A. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED</u>, That:

- 1. Respondent Irene Guevara is banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five years; and
- 2. Respondent Irene Guevara pay a fine of \$750; and
- 3. Respondent Irene Guevara pay an investigation fee of \$400.

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent has the right to file a B. Reconsideration. Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondent. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

- The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition C. Stay of Order. to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.
- Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial D. Judicial Review. review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.
- Non-compliance with Order. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the E. Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fines and fees imposed herein.

F. <u>Service.</u> For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this 3 day of Jebrua 1, 2010



STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENTION REVOKE OR SUSPEND MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE AND LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, ORDER RESTITUTION, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION AND TRAVEL RECOVERY **COSTS**

Respondents.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act)¹. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.210, RCW 19.146.310 and RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Respondents.

American Premier Funding Inc. (Respondent American Premier) was licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker on September 9, 2008, and continues to be licensed to date. Respondent American Premier is licensed to conduct the business of a mortgage broker at one location: 6150 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 140, San Diego, California, 92120.

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¹ RCW 19.146 (2007)

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borrowers' loan application.

l .19	Failure to Correctly Disclose Fees in the GFE that Inure to Respondents' Benefit. In each of the
nine loar	n files reviewed, Respondents did not maintain evidence sufficient to establish that Respondents
correctly	y disclosed fees that inured to the mortgage broker's benefit on the Good Faith Estimate (GFE)
lisclosu	re in that Respondents did not specifically identify in the GFE each fee that inured to Respondents'
enefit,	or Respondents did not correctly disclose fees that inured to the mortgage broker's benefit.

- Respondents did not maintain evidence sufficient to establish that Respondent provided a complete or accurate truth in lending (TIL) disclosure to borrowers, specifically, Respondents did not complete the bottom section of the TIL disclosures identifying the existence of a prepayment penalty, security interest, assumption policy, or late payment fee or Respondents did not include items associated with the finance charge in the Annual Percentage Rate or Respondents did not provide a complete or accurate TIL disclosure to borrowers.
- 1.21 Failure to Deposit All Monies Received for Third Party Fees into Trust Account. Respondents did not provide evidence to the Department sufficient to establish that Respondents maintained a trust account for third party fees received by Respondent American Premier from escrow. In the alternative, in five of the nine loan files reviewed, Respondents did not maintain evidence sufficient to establish that Respondents deposited escrow checks that included the borrowers' third party credit report fees into a trust account. Instead, Respondents deposited these funds into a general account held by Respondent American Premier, thereby commingling trust funds with operating funds.
- 1.22 Untimely Provision of GFE or TIL Disclosures. In at least five of the nine loan files reviewed, Respondents did not maintain records sufficient to establish that GFE or TIL disclosures were provided to borrowers within three business days of receipt of a loan application, or Respondents did not provide GFE or TIL disclosures to borrowers within three business days of receipt of a loan application.
- 1.23 Unlawful or Unearned Fees. In at least five of the nine loan files reviewed, Respondents charged underwriting fees on loans in which it acted as a non-delegated correspondent or on loans it used an automated underwriting system on or Respondents charged both a loan origination and a mortgage broker fee.

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1.24 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Definition of Mortgage Broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(12) and WAC 208-660-006, "Mortgage Broker" means any person who, for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) makes a residential mortgage loan or assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to make a residential mortgage loan or assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan.
- **2.2 Definition of Loan Originator.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(10) and WAC 208-660-006, "Loan Originator" means a natural person who (a) takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker, or (b) offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain. "Loan Originator" also includes a person who holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.
- **2.3 Definition of Borrower.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(2), a "Borrower" is defined as any person who consults with or retains a mortgage broker or loan originator in an effort to obtain or seek advice or information on obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan for himself, herself, or persons including himself or herself, regardless of whether the person actually obtains such a loan.
- 2.4 Requirement to Obtain or Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) and (3), RCW 19.146.200(1), and WAC 208-660-350(3) for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license under the Act.
- 2.5 Responsibility for Conduct of Loan Originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.245 and WAC 208-660-155(3), a licensed mortgage broker is liable for any conduct violating the Act by the designated broker or loan originator employed or engaged by the licensed mortgage broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.200(4)(a) and (b), a designated broker or principal of a licensed mortgage broker is liable for an employee's violations of the act if

1	4.3	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of
3		five (5) years; and
4	4.4	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis jointly and severally pay a fine, which as of the date of these charges totals \$35,000; and
56	4.5	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis jointly and severally refund all fees that inured to Respondents' benefit to the borrowers listed in paragraphs 1.3 through 1.22, and 1.24 through 1.25; and
7 8	4.6	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis jointly and severally refund all third party fees received from escrow on all loans referred to in paragraph 1.23 above; and
9 10 11	4.7	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis jointly and severally pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$4,848 calculated at \$48 per hour for the one hundred one (101) staff hours, as of the date of this Statement of Charges, devoted to the investigation; and
12 13	4.8	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis jointly and severally pay travel recovery costs which as of the date of this Statement of Charges, totals \$1,159.65 (interest accruing); and
14 15 16	4.9	Respondents American Premier Funding Inc, Eric Vaca, Quartez Wynn, Drew Greene, Daniel Pisani, Michelle Karvounis, Irene Guevara, and Nancy Karvounis maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent American Premier Funding Inc's mortgage broker business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
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V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

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