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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11 TO: )  
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13 SHORTREFINOW.COM, JOHN BURTON, )  
14 TRACEY LYNN REED, and )  
BRANDON HINTZ )

NO. H- 5155 SAC

ORDER TO  
DESIST AND REFRAIN

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16 The Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California (hereinafter  
17 "Commissioner") has caused an investigation to be made of your activities, and based upon the  
18 findings herein below set forth, is of the opinion that you, SHORTREFINOW.COM,  
19 JOHN BURTON, TRACEY LYNN REED and BRANDON HINTZ have violated Section  
20 10130 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter the "Code") by engaging in  
21 the business of or acting as a real estate salesperson or broker, within the meaning of Sections  
22 10085.5, 10130 and 10131(d) of the Code without first having obtained a real estate license from  
23 the California Department of Real Estate (hereinafter the "Department").

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25 At no time herein mentioned were you, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON  
26 HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, or you, SHORTREFINOW.COM licensed by the  
27 Department as a real estate broker or salesperson, as appropriate.

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2 At all times herein mentioned you, JOHN BURTON, you, TRACEY LYNN  
3 REED, and you, BRANDON HINTZ, were agents of or in the employ of  
4 SHORTREFINOW.COM, and you were compensated for performing acts pursuant to said  
5 employment in furtherance of the activities discussed in Paragraph 3 below.

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7 During the period beginning in or about June 2008 and continuing, you, JOHN  
8 BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, and you,  
9 SHORTREFINOW.COM, among other things, solicited and/or performed services for  
10 borrowers, including but not limited to, Holly and Ray Castleberry, in connection with loans  
11 secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property or on a business opportunity, for or in  
12 expectation of a compensation and claimed, demanded, charged, received, collected or  
13 contracted for an advanced fee for such services.

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15 The acts you, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN  
16 REED, and you, SHORTREFINOW.COM performed, for or in expectation of compensation,  
17 described in Paragraph 3 above, as well as, the claiming, demanding, charging, receiving,  
18 collecting or contracting for the collection of advance fees, are acts requiring a real estate  
19 salesperson or broker license under the provisions of Sections 10130 and 10131(d) of the Code  
20 and Section 10085.5 of the Code, respectively.

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22 You, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED,  
23 and you, SHORTREFINOW.COM, violated Sections 10085.5 and 10130 of the Code by  
24 engaging in the activities described above in Paragraph 3 without first obtaining a real estate  
25 salesperson or broker license from the Department.

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1 NOW THEREFORE, YOU, JOHN BURTON, YOU, BRANDON HINTZ, YOU,  
2 TRACEY LYNN REED, AND YOU, SHORTREFINOW.COM, ARE HEREBY ORDERED  
3 TO DESIST AND REFRAIN from performing any and all acts for which a real estate license is  
4 required until such time as you obtain the required license from the Department.

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6 DATED: 1-27, 2009

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8 JEFF DAVI  
9 Real Estate Commissioner

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