COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, SS.

COMMISSIONER OF BANKS MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSING Docket No. 2020-009

In the Matter of LIBERTY LENDING CORPORATION Brockton, Massachusetts

) STIPULATION AND
) CONSENT TO THE
) ISSUANCE OF A
) CONSENT ORDER

Mortgage Company License No. MB5453

Subject to the acceptance of this STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER (Consent Agreement) by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner), it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the Commissioner and LIBERTY LENDING CORPORATION (Liberty Lending or the Corporation), a licensed mortgage broker under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255E, as follows:

1. The Corporation has been advised of its rights pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255E, section 7.

2. The Corporation, solely for the purpose of settling this proceeding and without admitting any allegations or implications of fact or the existence of any violations of chapters 255E and its implementing regulations, 209 CMR 42.00 et seq., or other laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Office of the Attorney General's regulation at 940 CMR 8.00, et seq., hereby consents and agrees to the issuance of the CONSENT ORDER (Consent Order) by the Commissioner in the form submitted to Liberty Lending on this date. The Corporation further

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stipulates and agrees that such Consent Order shall be deemed to be a final order for the purposes of General Laws chapter 255E, section 7(a), and that said Consent Order shall become effective immediately upon its issuance by the Commissioner and fully enforceable by the Commissioner pursuant to its provisions.

3. Liberty Lending hereby represents and certifies that Philip Nessralla, Jr, President of the Corporation, is duly authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and the Consent Order on behalf of Liberty Lending, in the form submitted to the Corporation on this date.

4. In the event that the Commissioner accepts this Consent Agreement and issues the Consent Order, it is agreed that no action to enforce said Consent Order in the Superior Court will be taken by the Commissioner unless Liberty Lending, or its officers, directors, or their successors or assigns, have violated or are about to violate any provision of the Consent Order.

5. The Corporation hereby waives, solely for purposes for settling this proceeding:

- (a) The receipt of Notice specifying the allegations (Charges) which form the basis for issuance of the Consent Order;
- (b) All defenses to the issuance of the Consent Order;
- (c) A hearing under General Laws chapter 255E, section 7(a) for the purpose of taking evidence on such alleged Charges;
- (d) The filing of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law;
- (e) A written decision of the Commissioner;
- (f) Exceptions and briefs with respect to such written decision; and
- (g) Review of this Consent Agreement and the Consent Order pursuant to General Laws chapter 30A.

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Agreed to this <u>3</u> day of <u>MA4</u> ____, 202**\$**.

Liberty Lending Corporation Brockton, Massachusetts

By its President:



Approved this 6th day of May , 2020: 21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Banks

By:______ Mary L. Gallagher Commissioner of Banks

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CONSENT ORDER

Mortgage Company License No. MB5453

WHEREAS, LIBERTY LENDING CORPORATION, (Liberty Lending or the Corporation), a licensed mortgage broker under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255E, section 2, has been advised of its right to Notice and Hearing pursuant to General Laws chapter 255E, section 7(a), and having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER (Consent Agreement) with representatives of the Division of Banks (Division) dated <u>May 6th</u>, 20, 21 whereby, solely for the purpose of settling this matter, and without admitting any allegations or implications of fact or the existence of any violation of state or federal laws and regulations governing the conduct and operation of a mortgage broker, Liberty Lending agrees to the issuance of this CONSENT ORDER (Consent Order) by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner);

WHEREAS, an examination of Liberty Lending was conducted pursuant to General Laws chapter 255E, section 8 as of November 14, 2019 to assess the Corporation's level of

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compliance with applicable Massachusetts and federal statutes, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of those engaged in the business of a mortgage broker in the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, the Report of Examination (the Report) issued pursuant to the Division's examination alleged substantial non-compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of those engaged in the business of a mortgage broker in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the parties now seek to resolve by mutual agreement, the matters identified

in the Report.

ORDER

NOW COME the parties in the above-captioned matter, the Division and Liberty Lending, and stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Corporation shall submit a revised written profit plan, consisting of goals and strategies for providing the foundation for improved profitability.

(a) The written profit plan shall include:

- identification of the major areas in, and means by which, management (i) will seek to improve Liberty Lending's operating performance and earnings;
- (ii) a description of the operating assumptions that formed the basis for, and adequately supported, major projected income and expense components; and
- a statement of the President's commitment to the continued (iii) maintenance of acceptable levels of liquidity and capital, and maintenance of the net worth required pursuant to the Division's regulation 209 CMR 42.05.
- (b) Performance under the written profit plan shall be reported to the Division and

submitted with the quarterly progress reports prepared pursuant to Section 5

of this Consent Order.

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2. Liberty Lending shall establish, implement, and maintain policies and procedures to ensure that the Corporation secures and maintains all books, records, and accounts in a manner that will allow the Commissioner to determine whether the Corporation is complying with applicable provisions laws and regulations, in compliance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255E, section 8 and the Division's regulation 209 CMR 42.09.

- (a) Liberty Lending shall implement procedures to ensure that Mortgage Call Reports, and any other reports which are completed by the Corporation and submitted to the Division, are accurate and reliable accounts of the reported conditions and/or transactions.
- (b) Liberty Lending shall establish, implement, and maintain procedures to ensure that the Corporation is capable of compiling and generating a complete loan list that accurately reflects all information pertaining to loan applications originated by the Corporation.
- (c) Liberty Lending shall maintain procedures to ensure that the Corporation fully implements its Written Information Security Program (WISP), including but not limited to, ensuring the security of the Corporation's electronic records.

3. Liberty Lending shall establish and implement written policies and procedures designed to strengthen its compliance management program and ensure that the Corporation is capable of effectively addressing the deficiencies and violations referenced in the Report.

4. Liberty Lending shall address all matters requiring attention set forth in the Report within the time-frames contained therein. Liberty Lending shall also implement all corrective actions described in the Report that are not specifically addressed by this Consent Order.

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> (a) Liberty Lending shall establish, implement, and maintain procedures and policies to ensure that all applicable personnel receive adequate instruction and ongoing, periodic training to ensure proper implementation and execution of the revised practices and procedures implemented pursuant to this Consent Order.

5. On the thirtieth (30th) day after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Consent Order, Liberty Lending shall furnish written progress reports to the Division via secure email to <u>DOBProgressReport@mass.gov</u>. Such progress reports shall detail the form, content, and manner of any actions taken to address each section of this Consent Order and all required corrective actions described in the Report. Each progress report submitted to the Division pursuant to this Section of the Consent Order shall be reviewed and signed by a duly authorized officer of the Corporation.

6. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed as permitting Liberty Lending to violate any law, rule, regulation, or regulatory bulletin to which Liberty Lending is subject.

7. In consideration of the foregoing Consent Order, the Division agrees not to pursue formal measures, relative to this matter, to suspend or revoke Liberty Lending's mortgage broker license under General Laws chapter 255E, section 6, while this Consent Order is in effect, but subject to the provision so Section 8 of this Consent Order.

8. Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute grounds for license suspension and/or revocation, or other formal regulatory action pursuant to applicable provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

9. This Consent Order shall become effective immediately upon the date of its issuance.

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10. The provisions of this Consent Order shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this Consent Order shall have been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the Commissioner or upon an Consent Order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

11. This Consent Order and the Consent Agreement are the complete documents representing the resolution of this matter. This Consent Order supersedes and replaces any other existing agreements or informal regulatory actions between the Division and Liberty Lending.

BY ORDER AND DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS:

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts, this _	6th	day of	May	, 20 20	21
By:					
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Mary L. Gallagher Commissioner of Banks