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14	Indio, CA 92203	ACCUSATION
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16	Respondent.	
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19	Laura Zuniga (Complainant) brings th	is Accusation solely in her official capacity as
20	the Executive Officer of the California Architects	Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.
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their employment.

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required by law, and which would normally be exercised if he/she personally performed the required tasks.

20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 160, states in part:

A violation of any rule of professional conduct in the practice of architecture constitutes a ground for disciplinary action. Every person who holds a license issued by the Board shall comply with the following:

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- (g) Informed Consent:
- (1) An architect shall not materially alter the scope or objective of a project without first fully informing the client and obtaining the consent of the client in writing.

COST RECOVERY

21. Section 125.3, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part: Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in a resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department upon request of the entity bringing the proceedings the administrative law judge may direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 22. On September 12, 2022, the Board received a consumer complaint by S.A. of Mayan Properties ("property manager" or "client") alleging possible violations of the Architects Practice Act (Act). Property manager S.A. hired S.N. of South West Concepts, Inc. ("S.N." or "SWC") to review and stamp plans created by D.S. of Hundred Mile House ("D.S." or "HMH"). The plans were for conversion of an existing warehouse building into a cannabis cultivation plant at 36555 Bankside Drive, Cathedral City, California ("Bankside project"). Cathedral City required an architect to stamp the plans, so the property manager approached S.N. about finishing the final corrections, stamping them, and submitting them for final approval.
- 23. On or about June 23, 2021, SWC, Respondent, and S.A. entered into a contract entitled "Proposal for Architectural Services" to review, stamp, and sign plans for \$5,000.00 which had been prepared by third party D.S., owner of HMH, for the Bankside project.
- 24. On September 24, 2021, S.N. emailed the property manager, stating when they had initially discussed the project, he (property manager) had noted there were "a couple [of] plan

check corrections that you wanted us to take care of" but there are 119 corrections that need to be addressed. S.N. also explained, "[t]his is not something that we do, clean up someone's mess and make their corrections." In sum, S.N. said SWC would have to pass on this project.

- 25. Respondent stamped and signed D.S.'s plans dated June 1, 2021, which bore the HMH logo on the title block of the plans.
 - 26. Respondent had no affiliation with HMH when he signed these plans.
- 27. SWC submitted the stamped plans to Cathedral City on October 4, 2021, and on October 5, 2021, SWC billed S.A. \$5,520.00, thus charging \$520.00 more than the written contract price. Five thousand dollars was for "plan review and professional stamps by staff architect Jerry Dohn," and the extra \$520.00 was for "plan revisions as needed" and "8 hours at \$65.00." S.A. remitted a check to SWC, and on October 12, 2021, check number 1463 for \$5,520.00 cleared the bank.
- 28. On or about October 21, 2021, S.N. received a second round of plan check comments from Cathedral City.
- 29. On November 16, 2021, S.N. emailed the property manager stating he could not "bump" his projects "to complete someone else's work" and asked, "[D]id you really think that we completely reviewed and revised all the first 120 corrections for \$500[?]." He further stated that the 60 remaining corrections were excessive and would take a lot of work to correct, and he "wasn't planning on it being this bad." He stated he "tried to help you out with the stamping, but now this has turned into another problem project created by others that I really want no part of."
- 30. Further, S.N. claimed that the contract's "reimbursable and extra costs" provision did not apply because provision six² took precedence over the "standard boilerplate terms and conditions" of the former provision. That provision states, "Corrections as requested at plan check shall be completed at no additional costs to the owners." In contrast, provision six provides, "These costs shall be paid by [S.A.]/Mayan Properties."

² "SWC, Inc. shall make plan check submittals and coordinate all consultants and all plan check corrections as needed. The plan check submittals will include complete construction documents including any TI works currently included in the plans. This work to be completed by SWC, Inc. will be billed at hourly rates as specified below. These costs shall be paid by [S.A.]/Mayan Properties."

- 31. On November 21, 2021, the property manager emailed S.N. asking how much SWC would charge for the corrections and a time estimate for completion. Two days later, S.N. replied that it would take two to three months "if I decide that I want to complete the corrections." He further said, "We did not design the project, so we need to learn the project thoroughly," and, as stated above, estimated it would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 more.
- 32. On July 22, 2022, the property manager emailed S.N. complaining he never finished the plans, refused to complete the plan check corrections, and had not fulfilled his contractual obligations. The property manager requested a refund, but S.N. refused.
- 33. In a reply email of the same day, S.N. instructed the property owner to review "Paragraph 6" of the contract and claimed that the scope of work "indicates that the service is for plan review and stamping. It does not indicate that corrections are included."
- 34. The property manager alleged that S.N. abandoned the project, kept the contract amount, and the city never approved the plans. Lastly, he alleged that Mayan Properties sold the Bankside property for less without the permit and licensing.
- 35. On November 23, 2022, in a letter to the Board, Respondent admitted to providing the service to the client [S.A./Mayan Properties]. He said he thoroughly reviewed the construction documents prepared by S.A.'s non-licensed consultant [D.S., owner of HMH]. Respondent determined that the plans looked complete and professionally done. He claimed that their work was for architectural plans only and did not include services for other mechanical, electrical, and plumbing plans. Respondent also said that "making corrections to the plans was never included" because the corrections would be costly. D.S.'s plans were made in the student version of AutoCAD, which was "not compatible with our licensed Autodesk versions," among other reasons.
- 36. Also, in Respondent's letter, he disavowed any responsibility to make the corrections, stating he and SWC "did not want to complete the corrections that were simply not our contractual responsibility to do so." He referred to Items 3 and 6 of the contract. Item 3 stated that D.S. was responsible for all errors or omissions, and Item 6 stated that plan check corrections would be billed at hourly rates. Respondent dismissed the relevance of the contract term,

"Reimbursable & Extra Costs," which stated, "Corrections as Requested at plan check, shall be completed at no additional costs to the owners." He claimed this provision did not apply because Item 6 took "precedence over . . . our standard boilerplate terms and conditions" in the contract.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Written Contract Provisions of the Architects Practice Act)

- 37. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 5578, in conjunction with Code section 5536.22, in that on June 23-24, 2021, Respondent violated written contract requirements, as follows:
- a. Code section 5536.22(a)(1): The contract failed to describe the project for which the client sought services.
- b. Code section 5536.22(a)(4): The contract failed to contain the address and license number of the architect.
- c. Code section 5536.22(a)(6): The contract failed to contain a procedure to terminate the project.
- d. Code section 5536.22(a)(7): The contract failed to contain a statement identifying ownership and use of instruments of service prepared by the architect.
- e. Code section 5536.22(a)(8): The contract failed to contain a statement reading: Architects are licensed and regulated by the California Architects Board located at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95834."

The circumstances are set forth more fully above in paragraphs 22-36 and incorporated by reference.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Willful Misconduct)

38. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 5578 and 5584 for willful misconduct and failure to exercise responsible control as defined in section 5535.1 and CCR section 150. Specifically, on June 24, 2021, Respondent entered into a contract to review, stamp, and sign plans for \$5,000.00, which contained a clause stating that any corrections requested at plan check would be completed at no additional cost. However, when Cathedral City

returned a plan check for 119 corrections, Respondent and SWC claimed that corrections were not included in the contract scope. Respondent further refused to complete the corrections requested at plan check by Cathedral City, stating the corrections were not his responsibility. Respondent failed to exercise responsible control or complete the plans he had stamped, did not complete corrections sufficient to assist the project manager in obtaining a permit, and failed to provide the contractually required services. The circumstances are set forth more fully above in paragraphs 22-36 and incorporated by reference.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Signing Other's Plans or Instruments -- D.S. of HMH)

39. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 5578 and 5582.1, subdivision (a), for signing other's plans or instruments as defined in CCR section 151. Specifically, Respondent did not prepare HMH's plans he stamped and had no responsible control over the instruments of service during the preparation of the plans. Cathedral City required a design professional's stamp on the plans, which meant an unlicensed designer could not be responsible for the plans. By stamping HMH's plans, Respondent affixed his signature to plans, drawings, or other instruments of service, which had not been prepared by him, or under his responsible control in violation of the Architects Practice Act. The circumstances are set forth more fully above in paragraphs 22-36 and incorporated by reference.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Aiding and Abetting -- S.N. of SWC)

40. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 5578, 5582, 5582.1, subdivision (b), for aiding and abetting unlicensed activity in conjunction with 5536, subdivision (a), and CCR section 134, subdivision (b). Specifically, in 2016, Respondent reported to the Board his affiliation with SWC for providing architectural services by filing a Business Entity Report Form (BERF). S.N., the president of SWC, is not a licensed architect in California. Respondent is the only architect associated with SWC. Moreover, Respondent was named in the June 23, 2021 contract entitled "Proposal for Architectural Services." This contract was executed between S.N. of SWC, Respondent, and S.A. of Mayan Properties for the Bankside property.

SWC's contract includes a header statement "Architecture Planning Development" and refers to Respondent as "staff architect." The scope of work includes that SWC shall provide consultant services to review the architectural plans, and the "staff architect" would provide professional stamps on the architectural plans prepared by HMH in exchange for the contract price of \$5,000.00. Respondent provided his architectural stamp on the HMH plans but failed to exercise responsible control over the plans he stamped. By these acts and omissions, contractual terms, and representations, Respondent aided and abetted S.N. of SWC's unlicensed activity in violation of the Architects Practice Act. The circumstances are set forth more fully above in paragraphs 22-36 and incorporated by reference.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Lack of Informed Consent)

41. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 5578 and CCR section 160, subdivision (g)(1), for violating the rules of professional conduct regarding informed consent. Specifically, Respondent entered into a contract stating that any corrections requested at plan check would be completed at no additional cost. However, when Cathedral City returned a plan check for 119 corrections, Respondent and SWC unilaterally changed the scope of the project without the client's consent, invoiced the client \$5,520.00, of which \$520.00 was more than the contract price. The circumstances are set forth more fully above in paragraphs 22-36 and incorporated by reference.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged and that following the hearing, the California Architects Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Architect License Number C-21996, issued to Jerry Hayes Dohn;
- 2. Ordering Jerry Hayes Dohn to pay the client S.A. restitution of all damages suffered as a condition of probation if ordered, pursuant to Government Code section 11519, subdivision (d).

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1	3.	Ordering Jerry Hayes	s Dohn to pay the California Architects Board the reasonable			
2	costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions					
3	Code section 125.3; and,					
4	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.					
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JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. AC 2022-192 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 22, 2024. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. AC 2022-192 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC 2022-192. Respondent has also carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. AC 2022-192.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Architect License is subject to discipline, and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the California Architects Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the California Architects Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation before the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
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- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Architect License No. C-21996 issued to Respondent Jerry Hayes Dohn is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. **Actual Suspension.** Respondent is suspended from the practice of architecture for thirty (30) days beginning on the effective date of the Decision.
- 2. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the practice of architecture in California.
- 3. **Submit Quarterly Reports.** Respondent, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board on a Quarterly Report of Compliance form (1/00) obtained from the Board.
- 4. **Personal Appearances.** Upon reasonable notice by the Board, the Respondent shall report to and make personal appearances at times and locations as the Board may direct.
- 5. **Cooperate During Probation.** Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Board and with any of its agents or employees in their supervision and investigation of his compliance with the terms and conditions of this probation. Upon reasonable notice, the Respondent shall provide the Board, its agents, or employees with the opportunity to review all plans, specifications, and instruments of service prepared during the period of probation.
- 6. Tolling for Out-of-State Practice, Residence or In-State Non-Practice. In the event Respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason stop practicing architecture in California, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within ten days of the dates of departure and return, or the dates of non-practice or the resumption of practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Section 5500.1 of the Business and Professions Code. All provisions of probation, other than the quarterly report requirements, examination requirements, and education requirements, shall be held in abeyance until Respondent resumes practice in California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of resumption of practice in California. Periods of temporary or permanent residency or practice outside California or of non-practice within California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.
- 7. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out

the disciplinary order which was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

- 8. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 9. Continuing Education Courses. Respondent shall complete professional education courses directly relevant to the violation as specified by the Board. The professional education courses shall be completed within a period of time designated by the Board, which timeframe shall be incorporated as a condition of this probation.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the required courses as scheduled or failure to complete same no later than 100 days before the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation. Respondent is responsible for all costs of such courses.

10. **Cost Reimbursement.** Respondent shall reimburse the Board \$11,167.50 for its investigative and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in sixteen (16) quarterly payments, including fifteen (15) quarterly payments of \$697.97 with a final payment of \$697.95. The first payment shall be paid upon completion of the suspension period. The final payment is due one year before probation is scheduled to terminate.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and its effect on my Architect License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Architects Board.

DATED: 4-29-2024

JERRY HAYES DOHN

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ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Architects Board. DATED: April 29, 2024. Respectfully submitted, ROB BONTA Attorney General of California SHAWN P. COOK Supervising Deputy Attorney General SHERONDA L. EDWARDS Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant LA2023604092 66739196 2.docx

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- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Architect License No. C-21996 issued to Respondent Jerry Hayes Dohn is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. **Actual Suspension.** Respondent is suspended from the practice of architecture for thirty (30) days beginning on the effective date of the Decision.
- 2. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the practice of architecture in California.
- 3. **Submit Quarterly Reports.** Respondent, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board on a Quarterly Report of Compliance form (1/00) obtained from the Board.
- 4. **Personal Appearances.** Upon reasonable notice by the Board, the Respondent shall report to and make personal appearances at times and locations as the Board may direct.
- 5. **Cooperate During Probation.** Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Board and with any of its agents or employees in their supervision and investigation of his compliance with the terms and conditions of this probation. Upon reasonable notice, the Respondent shall provide the Board, its agents, or employees with the opportunity to review all plans, specifications, and instruments of service prepared during the period of probation.
- 6. Tolling for Out-of-State Practice, Residence or In-State Non-Practice. In the event Respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason stop practicing architecture in California, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within ten days of the dates of departure and return, or the dates of non-practice or the resumption of practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Section 5500.1 of the Business and Professions Code. All provisions of probation, other than the quarterly report requirements, examination requirements, and education requirements, shall be held in abeyance until Respondent resumes practice in California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of resumption of practice in California. Periods of temporary or permanent residency or practice outside California or of non-practice within California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.
- 7. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out

the disciplinary order which was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

- 8. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 9. Continuing Education Courses. Respondent shall complete professional education courses directly relevant to the violation as specified by the Board. The professional education courses shall be completed within a period of time designated by the Board, which timeframe shall be incorporated as a condition of this probation.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the required courses as scheduled or failure to complete same no later than 100 days before the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation. Respondent is responsible for all costs of such courses.

10. **Cost Reimbursement.** Respondent shall reimburse the Board \$11,167.50 for its investigative and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in sixteen (16) quarterly payments, including fifteen (15) quarterly payments of \$697.97 with a final payment of \$697.95. The first payment shall be paid upon completion of the suspension period. The final payment is due one year before probation is scheduled to terminate.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and its effect on my Architect License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Architects Board.

DATED: 4-29-2024

JERRY HAYES DOHN

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ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Architects Board. DATED: April 29, 2024. Respectfully submitted, ROB BONTA Attorney General of California SHAWN P. COOK Supervising Deputy Attorney General SHERONDA L. EDWARDS Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant LA2023604092 66739196 2.docx



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PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Celifornia Architects Board

Name (Last, First, Middle) Dohn, Jerry Hayes		Previous Names (Including Maiden)				
Address of Record 80459 Avenida Santa Belinda		City Indio		State CA	Zip Code 92203	
Telephone No. 760-498-6881		Email Address jerrydohnarchitect@gmail.com				
California Architect License No. Disciplinary Case N C-21996 AC 2022-192		(s) Date Last Practiced as an Arch 6-16-2025		an Architect		
	Have you ever petitioned for reinstatement or reduction of penalty? If YES, for: Reinstatement Penalty Reduction Date(s):					
List all states where you have eve	er been licensed as a	n architect, your licens	se nu	mber and status of	each license.	
None						
Will you be represented by an attorney? Yes No						
Name of Attorney:		Telephone No	:			
Address: Street Address						
Cit	ty / State / Zip					
Summarize the nature of the act(s) causing the disciplinary action against your California Architect license: Not maintaining responsible control of projects						
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another California board, or any governmental agency? (Includes surrender of license) Have you had an application for such a license or certificate denied?	∐ Ye	
If YES, please explain:		
CRIMINAL CONVICTION(S): [if none - skip to next page]		
a) Have you been convicted of a criminal offense since your Board disciplinary action? Convictions must be reported even if they have been adjudicated, dismissed or expunged or if a diversion program has been completed under the Penal Code or Article 5 of the Vehicle Code. All misdemeanors and felonies, including outside of California, must be reported. The definition of conviction includes a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), as well as pleas or verdicts of guilty. Convictions expunged under Sections 1203.4 and 1000 of the Penal Code must also be reported.	∏ Y€	s 🗹 No
If YES, please explain: Date (mo/day/yr) Offense (Codes violated, description, court jurisdiction)	Sentence	e/Disposition
b) Are you currently on court imposed probation or parole? (Court imposed probation includes summary and informal probation) Yes	√ No	
Are you currently subject to an order of registration as a sex offender pursuant to Section Penal Code?		the
Complete this section if you answered yes to b:		
Name of probation/parole officer:		
Telephone number of probation/parole officer:		
Date criminal probation was completed or will be completed:		
Are you in Compliance with the Terms and Conditions of your criminal probation?	☐ No	
If No, please explain below:		
		

Why are you petitioning the Board for reinstatement of your license?

I have taken full responsibility for the issues that led to my probation and have taken meaningful steps to demonstrate my commitment to ethical practice. I have maintained good standing and met all the conditions outlined in the terms of my probation. This includes completing continuing education requirements, providing detailed quarterly reports, and promptly reimbursing costs. I also have to renew my Real Estate Salesperson license #02040702 which is now past due, and my Broker will not sign off on the renewal until this disciplinary case has been completed, (see attached docs.)

Why should the Board grant your petition for reinstatement?

This last year has been a period of opportunity to reflect and improve professionally, spiritually, and personally. I take my obligations to protect the public health safety and welfare, and the profession very seriously and I am committed to maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards possible. I believe that my actions over the past year have demonstrated my sincere commitment to these principles. Lessons have been learned and they will not be repeated again. I am now better equipped to represent the integrity of the profession and better serve the public interest. Granting my petition would allow me to fully resume my professional responsibilities and continue contributing positively with the lessons I've learned. Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

BE ADVISED: The Board must receive fingerprint results/clearances from both the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to scheduling you for an appearance at a Board Meeting. If you do not submit all documents in support of your petition at least 45 days prior to your tentatively scheduled Board Meeting date, your application will be deemed incomplete and returned to you. You will not be scheduled for a Board Meeting until all documents have been submitted.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT: JHD Initial Here

I declare, <u>under penalty of perjury</u>, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE:

Digitally signed by 427dd99d-622a-4093-a99eaba399e2c0a5 Date: 2025.07.31 15:26:25-0700°

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Jerry H. Dohn - Architect

ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN + PLANNING 80459 Avenida Santa Belinda, Indio, CA 92203 CA LIC #C-21996 Ren: 2-28-2027 760-498-6881

Date: June 16, 2025

California Architects Board 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105 Sacramento, CA 95834 Attn: Ms. Jasmine Steinwert

Subject: Request for Early Termination of License Probation. Case No. AC 2022-192

Dear Esteemed Members of the California Architects Board.

I am writing to respectfully request an appeal for early termination of the probationary status of my Architect's license after the completion of one year of probation. I understand the importance of upholding the standards and responsibilities of the profession and have taken all necessary steps to comply fully with the terms of my probation. Over the past year, I have maintained good standing and met all the conditions outlined in the terms of my probation. This includes completing continuing education requirements, providing detailed quarterly reports, and promptly reimbursing costs. Additionally, I have taken this period as an opportunity to reflect and improve professionally, spiritually, and personally. I take my obligations to the public and the profession seriously and am committed to maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards. I believe that my actions over the past year have demonstrated my sincere commitment to these principles.

I have been undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer for over two years. My doctor has told me to keep my stress and anxiety levels to a minimum, as these things can affect the strength of my immune system and my body's efforts and ability to fight cancer. Granting my request would have a positive impact on those things, and I would be thankful for your consideration of this.

I respectfully request that the Board consider granting my appeal by lifting the probationary status on my license upon the completion of one year of probation. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to continue making positive contributions to the community and the architectural profession.

Sincerely,

Jerry H. Dohn Architect C-21996

Nachhattar Singh Chandi

President & CEO Chandi Group USA 42270 Spectrum St Indio, CA, 92203

California Architects Board

Attn: Enforcement Unit 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105 Sacramento, CA 95834

Re: Letter of Support for Mr. Jerry Dohn

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Jerry Dohn's petition for early termination of probation with the California Architects Board. I have known Mr. Dohn in a professional capacity and have observed his work and conduct firsthand.

During the time I have interacted with Jerry, he has consistently demonstrated a high level of integrity, dedication to his profession, and commitment to ethical standards. Despite the unfortunate circumstances that led to his probation stemming not from professional misconduct, but from a billing dispute between his former employer and a dissatisfied client, Jerry has handled the matter with grace, responsibility, and transparency.

He has fully complied with the terms of his probation, including timely submission of quarterly reports and the payment of costs imposed by the Board. Furthermore, he continues to practice architecture with diligence and professionalism, even while undergoing ongoing chemotherapy and recovering from significant medical procedures. His resilience, work ethic, and determination to continue contributing positively to the field of architecture are truly commendable.

In my judgment, Jerry remains fully competent in his professional role. He has shown sound judgment, strong technical ability, and a deep commitment to his clients and projects. There is no question in my mind that he meets the standards of practice expected by the Board and the public.

I offer my full support for his request and respectfully urge the Board to consider his petition favorably.

Sincerely,

Nachhattar Singh Chandi

Roy A Asaro Architect, Inc

Date: 06/30/2025

California Architects Board

Attn: Enforcement Unit reference case #AC 2022-192

2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105

Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Esteemed Members of the California Architects Board

I am writing this letter in support of Architect Jerry Dohn, who is currently under probationary status with the Board, and who is now requesting that this probation be lifted following one full year of compliance and professional conduct.

I have known Jerry since the 1970s when we were both in the US Navy serving together at Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego with Fighter Squadron VF-211 and deployed on the aircraft carrier USS Hancock CVA-19 on two combat tours to Vietnam. After we were discharged from the Navy, we both pursued careers in architecture, and eventually, we were both granted architects' licenses. We have worked on many projects together over the years. Jerry has dedicated his life to being a good, honest architect, and his dream began in high school after completing a semester of architectural drafting. His career of over thirty years has resulted in a spotless record with the Board, with no complaints ever being filed against him.

I have had the chance to work with Jerry before the probationary period, and I can confidently confirm his professional growth, integrity, and dedication to the highest standards of architectural practice. Since the start of the probation, he has consistently met all terms and conditions set by the Board. He has also actively sought opportunities to improve himself both personally and professionally, through continuing education, mentorship, or better client service. It is evident to me that Jerry takes the lessons of the past seriously and has made significant progress in preventing similar issues from happening again. His commitment to architecture and his proactive efforts to uphold ethical and responsible practices deserve recognition.

Given the progress he has made and the consistent professionalism he has demonstrated over the past year, I respectfully recommend that the Board consider lifting the probationary status. I believe Jerry has earned the opportunity to fully resume practice without restrictions and will continue to uphold the responsibilities and ethical and professional standards expected of a licensed architect.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Roy Asaro, Architect



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