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## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into as of February 6, 2013 by and between the California Department of Corporations ("DOC") through the California Corporations Commissioner ("Commissioner"), on the one hand, and Walker Financial Advisors, Inc. ("Walker Financial") on the other hand (hereinafter collectively the "Parties").

## **RECITALS**

This Agreement is made with reference to the following facts:

- A. Walker Financial is a corporation in good standing, duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California, and authorized to conduct business in this state. Walker Financial has its principal place of business located at 26691 Plaza Drive, Suite 240, Mission Viejo, California 92691.
- B. Scott D. Walker ("Scott Walker") is, and was at all relevant times herein the president of Walker Financial. Scott Walker is authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Walker Financial.
- C. Walker Financial has operated as an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") since 1986. However, as a result of the modifications in the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 adopted as part of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2011, Walker Financial was required to terminate its SEC registration and re-register as an investment adviser with the DOC. Walker Financial terminated its registration with the SEC on July 30, 2012, but did not file a new Form ADV to re-register as an investment adviser with the DOC until October 22, 2012. During that time, Walker Financial continued to service its investment advisory clients.
- D. Walker Financial voluntarily came forth and disclosed to the Commissioner that it has continued to conduct its investment advisory activities during the period after it withdrew its SEC registration, and responded fully to all of the Commissioner's requests for information regarding its

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investment advisory business. The Commissioner has determined that the public interest will not be served by denying Walker Financial's application to register as an investment adviser.

E. It is the intention and desire of the Parties to resolve this matter without the necessity of a hearing and/or other litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1. **Purpose**. The purpose of this Agreement is to settle and resolve the matters between the Parties hereto, for judicial economy and expediency, and to avoid the expense of a hearing, and possible further court proceedings.
- 2. Waiver of Hearing Rights. Walker Financial acknowledges the right of Walker Financial to a hearing under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 in connection with the application for investment advisor certificate, and hereby waive that right to a hearing, and to any reconsideration, appeal, or other right to review which may be afforded pursuant to the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law, and by waiving such rights, consent to the Administrative Penalties becoming final.
- 3. Admissions. Walker Financial admits the violations of Corporations Code section 25230 during the period following July 30, 2012 resulting from the delay in filing the Form ADV for re-registration with the DOC. The admission of Walker Financial is the purposes of this and any other future proceedings that may be initiated by or brought before the California Department of Corporations. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall not be admissible against Walker Financial in any action(s) brought against Walker Financial by third parties that are not signatories to this Agreement.
- 4. <u>Certification</u>. Walker Financial stipulates to undertake all appropriate steps designed to assure full compliance with the laws of California in the conduct of its business.
- 5. <u>Administrative Penalties</u>. Walker Financial agrees to pay to the Commissioner administrative penalties totaling, TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS

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(\$27,600) (the "Penalties"). Walker Financial shall pay the Penalties by way of three (3) equal installment payments of NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$9,200) on or before the 8th of each of the following month and year: February 2013, April 2013 and June 2013. In the event the payment due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment shall be due the next business day. Walker Financial shall make the checks for the payments payable to the California Department of Corporations and mail the checks to the attention and address of the Department of Corporations person listed in paragraph 19, Notices. Walker Financial acknowledges that failure to make any payment installment under this Agreement or to timely pay any payment installment under this Agreement and shall be cause for the Commissioner to immediately revoke any licenses held by, and/or deny any pending application(s) of Walker Financial, its successors and assigns, by whatever names they might be known. Walker Financial hereby waives any notice and hearing rights to contest such revocations and/or denial(s) which may be afforded under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law in connection therewith.

- 6. **Future Actions by the Commissioner**. The Commissioner reserves the right to bring any future action(s) against Walker Financial or any of the officers, directors, shareholders, or employees of Walker Financial for any and all unknown or future violations of the Corporate Securities Act of 1968. This Agreement shall not serve to exculpate Walker Financial or any of the officers, directors, shareholders, or employees of Walker Financial from liability for any and all unknown or future violations of the Corporate Securities Act of 1968.
- 7. **Effective Date**. This Agreement shall not become effective until signed, and delivered by all parties.
- 8. <u>Settlement Agreement Coverage</u>. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is intended to constitute a full, final and complete resolution of this matter. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that nothing contained in this Agreement shall operate to limit the Commissioner's ability to assist any other agency, (county, state or federal) with any prosecution, administrative, civil or criminal, brought by any such agency against Walker

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Financial based upon any of the activities alleged in this matter or otherwise.

- 9. <u>Independent Legal Advice</u>. Each of the Parties represents, warrants, and agrees that it has received or been advised to seek independent legal advice from its attorneys with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement.
- 10. No Other Representation. Each of the parties represents, warrants, and agrees that in executing this Agreement it has relied solely on the statements set forth herein and the advice of its own counsel. Each of the parties further represents, warrants, and agrees that in executing this Agreement it has placed no reliance on any statement, representation, or promise of any other party, or any other person or entity not expressly set forth herein, or upon the failure of any party or any other person or entity to make any statement, representation or disclosure of anything whatsoever. The parties have included this clause: (1) to preclude any claim that any party was in any way fraudulently induced to execute this Agreement; and (2) to preclude the introduction of parol evidence to vary, interpret, supplement, or contradict the terms of this Agreement.
- 11. <u>Modifications and Qualified Integration</u>. No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding to any extent unless it is in writing and signed by all of the parties affected by it.
- 12. **Full Integration**. This Agreement is the final written expression and the complete and exclusive statement of all the agreements, conditions, promises, representations, and covenants between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, representations, understandings, and discussions between and among the parties, their respective representatives, and any other person or entity, with respect to the subject matter covered hereby.
- 13. No Presumption From Drafting. In that the parties have had the opportunity to draft, review and edit the language of this Agreement, no presumption for or against any party arising out of drafting all or any part of this Agreement will be applied in any action relating to, connected to, or involving this Agreement. Accordingly, the parties waive the benefit of California Civil Code section 1654 and any successor or amended statute,

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providing that in cases of uncertainty, language of a contract should be interpreted most strongly against the party who caused the uncertainty to exist.

- 14. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by the Parties, and when each party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart to the other party, each counterpart shall be deemed an original and taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 15. **Headings and Governing Law**. The headings to the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and will not be deemed a part hereof or affect the construction or interpretation of the provisions hereof. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California.
- 16. **Authority For Settlement**. Each party warrants and represents that such party is fully entitled and duly authorized to enter into and deliver this Agreement. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each party warrants and represents that it is fully entitled to enter into the covenants, and undertake the obligations set forth herein.
- Public Record. Walker Financial hereby acknowledges that this Agreement will 17. be a matter of public record.
- 18. **Voluntary Agreement.** The Parties each represent and acknowledge that he, she or it is executing this Agreement completely voluntarily and without any duress or undue influence of any kind from any source.
  - 19. **Notices.** Notice shall be provided to each party at the following addresses:

If to Walker Financial Advisors, Inc.: 26691 Plaza, Suite 240 Mission Viejo, CA 92691 Attn: Scott D. Walker

If to the Commissioner: Marlou de Luna

> Sr. Corporations Counsel **Enforcement Division** Department of Corporations 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90013-2344

	1	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have approved and executed this Agreement		
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	3		JAN LYNN OWEN	
	4		California Corporations Commissioner	
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	6	Dated: <u>2/6/13</u>	By JEREMIAH C. TWOMEY	
	7		Deputy Commissioner	
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	10	Dated: <u>2/4/13</u>	WALKER FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	
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	12		BySCOTT D. WALKER	
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	15	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
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	23		Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell LLP Attorneys for WALKER FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	
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