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7 8	Attorneys for Complainant BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION		
8 9	OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of:		
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13	THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL)PROTECTION AND INNOVATION,)	) CFL LICENSE No.: 603-J610	
14	) Complainant, )	ACCUSATION	
15	) V. )		
16	) ELITE ENTITIES, INC.,		
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18	Respondent. )		
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20	The Acting Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation (Commissioner) is		
21	informed and believes, and based upon such information and belief, alleges and charges Respondent		
22	Elite Entities, Inc. (Elite) as follows:		
23	I.		
24	<u>Introduction</u>		
25	1. Elite is licensed by the Commissioner as a finance broker pursuant to the California		
26	Financing Law (CFL) (Fin. Code § 22000 et seq.). Elite has its principal place of business located at		
27	27186 Newport Road, Suite 2, Menifee, California 92584. Elite has no branch office locations under		
28	its CFL license.		
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### Not Qualified to do Business in California

2. On or about May 8, 2020, the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) learned that the status of Elite with the California Secretary of State (CASOS) was "Franchise Tax Board Suspended". On or about May 11, 2020, DFPI sent an email to the required designated email address of Elite notifying Elite of the situation and demanding Elite immediately rectify its corporate status. Elite was further instructed not to conduct any business under its CFL license until such time as its status had been corrected with the CASOS. Elite did not acknowledge or respond to the May 11, 2020 email.

3. On or about May 12, 2020, DFPI followed up its May 11, 2020 email with a letter demanding Elite rectify its corporate status on or before May 25, 2020 and cease any business under its CFL license until such time as its status had been corrected with the CASOS. The May 12, 2020 letter was sent certified, return-receipt mail to the licensed location of Elite. Elite has not acknowledged or responded to the May 12, 2020 letter.

4. On or about October 14, 2020, DFPI sent a further email to Elite via its required designated email address referencing the May 11, 2020 email and the May 12, 2020 letter and demanding a response. Again, Elite neither acknowledged nor responded to the October 14, 2020 email.

5. On or about February 25, 2021, DFPI posted a license item to Elite on the Nationwide Multistate Licensing and Registry System (NMLS). The license item reiterated the demands made on May 11 and 12, 2020 and October 14, 2020. The license posting further notified Elite that failure to correct its status with the CASOS on or before March 12, 2021 may result in action against its CFL license. To date, Elite has neither acknowledged nor responded to DFPI's correspondence.

6. Financial Code section 22101 provides that an application for a CFL license shall be
in the form and contain the information that the Commissioner may by rule require. Pursuant to
California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 1422, a corporate applicant for a CFL license is
required to submit an original certificate of good standing from the California Secretary of State
evidencing that the corporate applicant is qualified to do business in the State of California.

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7. Pursuant to Financial Code section 22714, the Commissioner may also revoke any license if "a fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for the license, reasonably would have warranted the commissioner in refusing to issue the license originally."

8. In that Elite's status with the California Secretary of State is "Franchise Tax Board Suspended", and has been since at least May 2020; a fact or condition now exists that (not qualified to do business in the State of California), if it had existed at the time of the original application(s) of Elite for a license under the CFL, reasonably would have warranted the Commissioner in refusing to issue the license.

III.

#### **CFL Revocation Statute**

Financial Code section 22714 provides in pertinent part:

(a) The commissioner shall suspend or revoke any license, upon notice and reasonable opportunity to be heard, if the commissioner finds any of the following:

(1) The licensee has failed to comply with any demand, ruling, or requirement of the commissioner made pursuant to and within the authority of this division.

(2) A fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for the license, reasonably would have warranted the commissioner in refusing to issue the license originally.

#### IV.

#### **Conclusion**

10. The Commissioner finds that, by reason of the foregoing, Elite Entities, Inc. has repeatedly failed to comply with a demand of the Commissioner, and a fact or condition now exists, that if it had existed at the time of original licensure under the CFL, reasonably would have warranted the Commissioner in refusing to issue a CFL license, and based thereon, grounds exist to revoke the finance broker license of Elite Entities, Inc.

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