State of California – Department of Financial Protection and Innovation	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	OF THE STATE	NCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION E OF CALIFORNIA
	12	In the Matter of:	) OAH No. 2019011027
	13 14	THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION,	ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF DAVID LEE HARDIN JR. FROM ANY POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT,
	15	Complainant,	) MANAGEMENT, OR CONTROL OF ANY ) FINANCE LENDER, BROKER, OR
	16	v.	) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT ) TO FINANCIAL CODE SECTION 22169
	17	DAVID LEE HARDIN, JR. (an individual)	)
	18	Respondent.	)
	19		)
	20	TO: David Lee Hardin, Jr. 2000 Corporate Drive, Apt. 1317	
	21	Ladera Ranch, CA 92694	
	22	Petitioner, DAVID LEE HARDIN, JR., (Hardin) having filed a Petition for Reinstatement	
	23	(Petition) on or around July 21, 2022, requesting reinstatement, pursuant to Government Code	
	24	section 11522, of Hardin's ability to maintain any position of employment, management, or control	
	25	of any finance lender, broker, or program administrator under Financial Code section 22169; no	
	26	written arguments having been filed with the agency after notice of the Petition; the Petition having	
	27	been considered; and, the requirements for reinstatement having been met, this agency finds that:	
	28	1. On January 16, 2019, the Commissioner issued an Accusation in Support of Notice of	
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Intention to Bar Hardin from Employment, Management, or Control of any Finance Lender, Broker, Mortgage Loan Originator, or Program Administrator Pursuant to Financial Code section 22169 (the Accusation). On February 19, 2019, an administrative hearing was held on the Accusation in front of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

- 2. On March 13, 2019, the OAH issued a proposed decision barring Hardin from any position of employment with, management or control of any finance lender, broker, or program administrator pursuant to Financial Code section 22169 (the Proposed Decision). The bar order was immediately stayed for three years, and Hardin was placed on probation.
- 3. Under the Proposed Decision, upon successful completion of the three-year probationary period Hardin could apply to the Commissioner for removal of the bar order.
- 4. The Commissioner adopted the Proposed Decision in its entirety, effective July 20, 2019 (the Decision).
- 5. Hardin has complied with all the conditions in the Decision; and
- 6. The Commissioner is not aware of any information that would otherwise disqualify Hardin from reinstatement under Government Code section 11522.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, David Lee Hardin, Jr. is reinstated and may maintain any position of employment with, or management or control of, any finance lender, broker, or program administrator. The agency's Order barring David Lee Hardin, Jr. from engaging in these activities, issued on July 20, 2019, is hereby set aside, effective as of the date of this Order.

Dated: December 16, 2022 Los Angeles, California



CLOTHILDE V. HEWLETT Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation

 $By_{\underline{}}$ MARY ANN SMITH Deputy Commissioner **Enforcement Division**