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| 9  | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION                                     |  |
| 10 | OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |  |
| 11 | In the matter of:  | )  |
| 12 | THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL  | ) CFL LICENSE NO.: 603K078   |
| 13 | PROTECTION AND INNOVATION,   | )  |
| 14 | Complainant,   | ) ACCUSATION IN SUPPORT OF ORDER                                   |
| 15 | v.   | ) REVOKING CALIFORNIA FINANCING<br>LAW LICENSE OF RESPONDENT WHITE |
| 16 | WHITE GLASS LENDING, LLC,  | GLASS LENDING, LLC   |
| 17 | Respondent.  | )<br>)   |
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| 19 | The Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation (Commissioner) is informed and           |  |
| 20 | believes, and based upon such information and belief, alleges and charges Respondent White Glass |  |
| 21 | Lending, LLC (Respondent or White Glass) as follows:   |  |
| 22 | I.   |  |
| 23 | <u>INTRODUCTION</u>  |  |
| 24 | 1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons and            |  |
| 25 | entities engaged in the business of finance lending or brokering under the California Financing  |  |
| 26 | Law (CFL) (Fin. Code, § 22000 et seq.).  |  |
| 27 | 2. Respondent is a limited liability company, with a principal place of business at              |  |
| 28 | 230 W Towne Ridge Parkway, Suite 520, Sandy, Utah 84070.   |  |

3. Respondent is licensed as a finance lender under the CFL with main license number 603K078.

### II.

## FAILURE TO PROVIDE BOOKS AND RECORDS

4. Financial Code section 22709 provides:

The commissioner may require the production for examination in this state of all books, records, and supporting data used by the licensee in the preparation of reports to the commissioner. The books, records, and supporting data shall be made available for examination by the commissioner in this state within 10 days after a written demand.

- 5. 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) The licensee has violated any provision of this division or any rule or regulation made by the commissioner under and within the authority of this division.
- 6. On December 1, 2023, the Commissioner commenced a regulatory examination of the books and records of White Glass (regulatory examination). The regulatory examination has not yet been concluded because White Glass has failed to provide all the documentation requested as further described below.
- 7. In furtherance of the regulatory examination, on December 4, 2023, the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) sent an Information and Document Request email to White Glass instructing it to provide additional examination-related information and documents with a deadline of December 6, 2023 (IDR #2). The email was sent to the email of White Glass provided by White Glass to the DFPI for purposes of communication.

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- payment schedules and evidence of loan disbursements for two loans by December 12, 2023, and for remaining loans by December 18, 2023. White Glass failed to respond to this request. DFPI sent a follow-up email for the requested information on December 14, 2023, and White Glass failed to respond again.
- 10. On December 29, 2023, the DFPI sent White Glass a Demand Letter to produce books and records (Demand Letter) and Information and Documents Request #3 (IDR #3).
- On January 9, 2024, White Glass requested an extension until mid or end of 11. February 2024 to respond to the Demand Letter, IDR #2, and IDR #3. DFPI denied the extension request.
- 12. On February 29, 2024, White Glass reached out to the DFPI, advising the DFPI that it had uploaded certain requested documents. However, White Glass did not fully respond to the DFPI's demand for documentation necessary to complete the regulatory examination.
  - As of the date hereof, White Glass has failed to submit the following documents: 13.
    - A copy of the current business plan, including identifying any new or proposed material changes in business strategy since last examination or date licensed;
    - b. Supporting documentation for charges or evidence of refund pertaining to recordings fees related to loans 3487 Rodeo and 3654 Murietta; and
    - c. Sufficient clarification on White Glass' association with Aclaime Credit Strategies Fund, LP and an explanation as to why Aclaime Credit Strategies Fund, LP appears as "Lender" in a secured promissory note.

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III.

# FAILURE TO MAINTAIN NET WORTH AT ALL TIMES

- 14. Pursuant to Financial Code section 22104(a), all lenders licensed under the CFL are required to maintain a net worth of \$25,000.00.
- 15. Pursuant to Financial Code section 22159, all licensees under the CFL are required to file with the Commissioner an Annual Report that details their CFL activities and also includes financial statements for the calendar year ended December 31.
- 16. On March 18, 2020, Respondent reported in its CFL Annual Report that it had a net worth of less than \$25,000 in violation of Financial Code section 22104(a).
- 17. On March 18, 2021, Respondent reported in its CFL Annual Report that it had a net worth less than \$25,000 in violation of Financial Code section 22104(a).
- 18. On April 12, 2022, Respondent reported in its CFL Annual Report that it had a net worth of less than \$25,000 in violation of Financial Code section 22104(a).
- 19. On April 27, 2023, Respondent reported in its CFL Annual Report that it had a net worth of less than \$25,000 in violation of Financial Code section 22104(a).
- 20. During the regulatory examination, White Glass was requested to provide a monthend Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement to confirm compliance with the net worth requirements. In response, White Glass provided a 2022 Profit & Loss Statement, which included a surety bond as an asset. A surety bond is not an asset and is a separate requirement for a CFL license. Removing the surety bond from its assets, White Glass' net worth is \$9,947.45, which is less than the minimum requirement of \$25,000, in violation of Financial Code section 22104(a).

IV.

# FAILURE TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE STATUS WITH THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

21. 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. The CFL licensee is required to maintain an active status and remain in

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good standing with the California Secretary of State.

22. During the regulatory examination, White Glass' status with the California Secretary of State was found to be inactive from October 3, 2022 to November 29, 2023.

V.

### APPLICABLE LAW

- 23. 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 has existed at the time of the original application for the license, reasonably would have warranted the commissioner in refusing to issue the license originally.

#### VII.

### <u>PRAYER</u>

- 24. By failing to provide the financial records demanded by the Commissioner, Respondent has failed to comply with demand, ruling, or requirement of the Commissioner made pursuant to and within the authority of the CFL.
- 25. By failing to maintain an adequate net worth as required by Financial Code section 22104, Respondent has violated a provision of the CFL.
  - 26. By failing to maintain an active status with the California Secretary of State,

Respondent has violated a provision of the CFL. WHEREFORE, IT IS PRAYED that Respondent's CFL license be revoked. Dated: May 14, 2024 CLOTHILDE V. HEWLETT Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation By: Nami R. Kang Senior Counsel **Enforcement Division**