

MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION *

BEFORE THE

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MARYLAND REAL

v.

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ESTATE COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT NO.: 2009-RE-569

VANESSA (GONZALEZ) VARMA,

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Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) based on a complaint filed by Sara Campos (now Lacayo) against Vanessa Gonzalez (now Varma) (“Respondent”). Based on that complaint, the Commission determined that charges against the Respondent were appropriate and that a hearing on those charges should be held. This matter was to be scheduled for a hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings, but the Commission withdrew the regulatory charges against the Respondent to allow for this resolution to occur. The Commission and the Respondent consent to the entry of this Order as final resolution of Complaint No. 2009-RE-569 (as to Respondent Varma).

IT IS STIPULATED BY THE PARTIES that:

1. The Respondent was licensed as a real estate salesperson (License No. 05-597071) at the time of the events at issue and was affiliated with Re/Max Supreme Properties.
2. The Respondent is currently affiliated with Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc., and her salesperson’s license expires December 9, 2012.

3. The Commission performed an investigation into the complaint filed by Sara Campos (now Lacayo).

4. On June 3, 2010, a Commission investigator interviewed the Respondent to gather factual information about the Ms. Campos' allegations and to obtain the Respondent's response to those allegations.

5. At the same time he interviewed the Respondent, the investigator interviewed Mary Randle, the Respondent's real estate broker and the broker of record for Re/Max Supreme Properties at the time of the events at issue, and Eduardo Gonzalez, the Respondent's uncle, who was a licensed real estate agent in Washington, D.C. and Virginia and who was affiliated with Re/Max Supreme Properties.

6. In subsequent interviews and correspondence with Commission representatives, the Respondent acknowledged that she had not provided the Commission with full and accurate information, including, in her words, that she "did not speak up and fully disclose...facts" and that she had "omitted relevant information [and] did not rebuke certain matters described by" Ms. Randle and Mr. Gonzalez.

7. The Respondent enters this Consent Order *freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, and with the advice of counsel.*

8. By entering into this Consent Order, the Respondent expressly waives the right to any hearing or further proceeding to which she may be entitled in this matter and any rights to appeal from this Consent Order.

9. The Respondent agrees to abide by the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act, Maryland Annotated Code, Business Occupations and Professions Article, §17-101 *et seq.*, and regulations of the Commission in future real estate transactions.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 14th day of October, 2011, BY THE MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,

ORDERED that the Respondent has violated Maryland Annotated Code, Business Occupations and Professions Article, §§17-322(b)(33), and Code of Maryland Regulations 09.11.02.01C, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$3,000.00, which amount is payable to the Commission within thirty days of the date this Order is signed by the Commission, and it is further

ORDERED that, if payment of the civil penalty is not made within that 30-day period, the Respondent's real estate license shall be automatically suspended until that payment is made, and it is further

ORDERED that the Commission's records and publications shall reflect the terms of this Consent Order.

SIGNATURE ON FILE
VANESSA VARMA

SIGNATURE ON FILE
COMMISSIONER
MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

October 6, 2011
Date