# AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN National Bank of California Los Angeles, California and The Comptroller of the Currency

National Bank of California, Los Angeles, California ("Bank") and the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller") wish to protect the interests of the depositors, other customers, and shareholders of the Bank, and, toward that end, wish the Bank to operate safely and soundly and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Comptroller has determined that the Bank has engaged in unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to its Board and management oversight, credit administration, and earnings.

In consideration of the above premises, it is agreed, between the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors ("Board"), and the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, that the Bank shall operate at all times in compliance with the articles of this Agreement.

## Article I

# **JURISDICTION**

- (1) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement entered into with the agency" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).
- (2) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement between such depository institution and such agency" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(1) and 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).

- (3) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "formal written agreement" within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii). See 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.
- (4) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u)(1)(A).
- (5) This Agreement shall not be construed to be a "written agreement, order, or capital directive" within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 6.4.

# Article II

## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) Within five (5) days of this Agreement, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors of which at least two (2) must not be an employee of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term "affiliate" is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee and, in the event of a change of the membership, the name of any new member shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (2) The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Agreement and shall meet at least monthly.
- (3) By no later than September 30, 2009, and by the end of every calendar month thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:
  - (a) a description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with eachArticle of this Agreement;
  - (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and

- (c) the results and status of those actions.
- (4) The Board shall provide a summary report of the progress reached in attaining compliance with each Article of this Agreement to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within fifteen (15) days of the end of each calendar quarter.
- (5) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Agreement shall be forwarded to the:

Assistant Deputy Comptroller Southern California North Field Office 550 North Brand Blvd., Suite 500 Glendale, California 91203

(6) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the policies, procedures and programs required by this Agreement.

## Article III

## **CAPITAL**

- (1) Effective immediately, the Bank shall only declare dividends:
  - (a) when the Bank is in compliance with its Board approved capital plan;
  - (b) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. §§ 56 and 60; and
  - (c) with the prior written approval from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (2) Within thirty (30) days of this Agreement, the Board shall revise its capital plan and budget to ensure that the Bank maintains adequate capital and is sufficient to be well capitalized under 12 C.F.R. Part 6.

## Article IV

# CREDIT RISK MANAGEMENT

- (1) Within sixty (60) days of this Agreement, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection, a written program (including appropriate revisions to policies and procedures) designed to reduce and manage the Bank's concentrations in commercial real estate ("CRE") lending in accordance with the guidelines in OCC Bulletin 2006-46, Concentration in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management Practices (dated December 6, 2006).
- (2) Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Board shall immediately implement and thereafter ensure adherence to the program, policies and procedures required by this Article.

#### Article V

# CREDIT RISK RATINGS AND NONACCRUAL RECOGNITION

- (1) Within sixty (60) days of this Agreement, the Board shall develop a program to ensure that the risk associated with the Bank's loans is properly reflected and accounted for on the Bank's books and records, to include, at a minimum, provisions requiring that:
  - (a) the Bank's loans and other assets are appropriately and timely risk rated and charged off by the lending officers using a loan grading system that is based upon current facts, existing repayment terms and that is consistent with the guidelines set forth in Rating Credit Risk, A-RCR, of the *Comptroller's Handbook*;

- (b) the Bank's loans and other assets are timely placed on nonaccrual by the lending officers in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Call Report;
- (c) loan officers are accountable for failing to appropriately and timely risk rate and/or place loans on nonaccrual; and
- (d) loan officer failure to properly risk rate and/or place loans on nonaccrual is considered in periodic performance reviews and compensation.

## Article VI

# PROBLEM LOAN MANAGEMENT

- (1) Effective as of the date of this Agreement, the Board shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination.
- (2) Within sixty (60) days of this Agreement, the Board shall prepare and submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection, a written program designed to reduce the Bank's criticized assets (the "Problem Assets Program"). The Problem Assets Program shall include or address the following matters:
  - aggregate reporting of criticized asset levels by type to the Board or a designated committee thereof every month;
  - (b) specific plans for the reduction of criticized assets by asset type with target reductions by month; and

- (c) procedures for the monthly review and preparation of written determinations by the Board or a designated committee thereof regarding the effectiveness of the responsible officer's efforts to eliminate the weaknesses in each criticized credit relationship or Other Real Estate ("ORE") totaling five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or above.
- (3) The Board's compliance with Paragraph (2) of this Article shall include the development of procedures for the monthly submission and review of problem asset reports for all criticized credit relationships and ORE totaling five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or above, that require, at a minimum, analysis and documentation of the following:
  - (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;
  - (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable as well as other necessary documentation to support the collateral valuation;
  - (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations;
  - (d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment;
  - (e) trigger dates for borrower actions or for loan officers to reassess the strategy and enact collection plans;
  - (f) specific action plans and trigger dates for risk rating changes and documentation of the analysis and reasoning to support the current risk rating;

- (g) for criticized relationships of five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or above that were made for the purpose of constructing or developing commercial real estate, the reports shall also include:
  - (i) the initial scheduled maturity date of the loan, number of extensions and/or renewals, and current maturity date;
  - (ii) project development status;
  - (iii) a comparison of development costs to the budgeted amount;
  - (iv) a comparison of sales activity to the original sales projections;
  - (v) current market conditions and activity;
  - (vi) amount and source of initial interest reserve and the amount and source of any subsequent additions to the reserve;
  - (vii) an assessment of the borrower's global cash flow;
  - (viii) an assessment of the guarantor's ability to support the project; and
  - (ix) any other significant information relating to the project; and
- (h) a determination of whether the loan is impaired and the amount of the impairment, consistent with FASB Statement of Financial Accounting
   Standards No. 114, Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan.
- (4) Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Board shall immediately implement and thereafter ensure adherence to the program required by this Article.
- (5) A copy of each problem asset report relating to criticized credit relationships and ORE totaling five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or above prepared during the last month

of each quarter end (e.g., March, June, September, December) along with any Board comments regarding the effectiveness of the effort to eliminate the weaknesses in each credit or to dispose of the ORE, shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within five (5) days of each regularly scheduled Board meeting held in the month following the calendar quarter end, beginning with the meeting in October 2009.

- (6) Effective as of the date of this Agreement, the Bank may not extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions equal or exceed five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), unless each of the following conditions is met:
  - (a) the Board or a designated committee thereof finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the Board or a designated committee thereof approves the credit extension and documents in writing, the reasons that such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and
  - (b) the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.

## Article VII

## ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

- (1) Within sixty (60) days of this Agreement, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure adherence to written policies and procedures for maintaining an adequate Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("Allowance") in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). The Allowance policies and procedures shall be consistent with the guidance set forth in the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's "Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses" dated December 13, 2006 (OCC Bulletin 2006-47), and July 20, 2001 (OCC Bulletin 2001-37), and shall at a minimum include:
  - (a) procedures for determining whether a loan is impaired and measuring the amount of impairment, consistent with FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 114, Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan;
  - (b) procedures for segmenting the loan portfolio and estimating loss on groups
    of loans, consistent with FASB Statement of Financial Accounting
    Standards No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies;
  - (c) procedures for validating the Allowance methodology;
  - (d) procedures to ensure that the estimation of credit losses considers the relevant qualitative and environmental factors, with particular focus on the following:

- (i) trends in the Bank's internal risk ratings, delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (ii) results of the Bank's external loan review;
- (iii) concentrations of credit in the Bank;
- (iv) present and prospective economic conditions; and
- (v) applicable experience of the Bank's lending staff.
- (2) The program shall provide for a process for summarizing and documenting, for the Board's review and approval, the amount to be reported in the Call Reports for the Allowance. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Call Report, by additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.

## Article VIII

## **CLOSING**

- (1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.
- (2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.

- (3) Any time limitations imposed by this Agreement shall begin to run from the effective date of this Agreement. Such time requirements may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.
- (4) The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties hereto and its provisions shall continue in full force and effect unless or until such provisions are amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties to the Agreement or excepted, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.
- (5) In each instance in this Agreement in which the Board is required to ensure adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall:
  - authorize and adopt such actions on behalf of the Bank as may be
     necessary for the Bank to perform its obligations and undertakings under
     the terms of this Agreement;
  - (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Agreement;
  - (c) follow up on any noncompliance with such actions in a timely and appropriate manner; and
  - (d) require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any noncompliance with such actions.
- (6) This Agreement is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a supervisory "written agreement entered into with the agency" as contemplated by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the

Comptroller or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Comptroller may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under his supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the Comptroller has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Agreement, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller, has hereunto set her hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/s/	Aug 31, 2009
Dorothy A. Sander-Ziegler	Date
Assistant Deputy Comptroller	
Southern California–North Field Office	

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/s/	8/31/09
Stanley Z. Diller	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Daniel L. Dworsky	Date
/s/	9/1/09
Jerald Friedman	Date
/s/	9/2/09
Laizer D. Kornwasser	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Joseph Kornwasser	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Mark Lainer	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Alfred E. Landolph	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Stanley I. Treitel	Date
/s/	8/31/09
Barry Uzel	Date