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FINAL SUSPENSION ORDER

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, as safety and soundness regulator of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the eleven Federal Home Loan Banks (collectively the “regulated entities”), is issuing this Final Order pursuant to the following legal authorities:

1. Section 1313 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (Safety and Soundness Act) authorizing FHFA to exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary in the supervision and regulation of the regulated entities. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513(a)(2);
2. Section 1313B of the Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 authorizes FHFA to establish standards for the regulated entities regarding prudential management of risks. FHFA is authorized to issue orders requiring the regulated entities to take any action that will best carry out the purposes of that section. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4513b(b)(2)(B)(iii); and
3. Section 1319G of the Safety and Soundness Act authorizing FHFA to issue any orders necessary to ensure that the purposes of the Safety and Soundness Act are accomplished. *See* 12 U.S.C. 4526(a).

Consistent with these authorities, FHFA has determined that any business relationship between Edvard Paronyan and the regulated entities would present excessive risk to their safety and soundness.

This determination is based on the following findings:

1. Edvard Paronyan, and other co-conspirators, fraudulently obtained federal disaster relief funds distributed through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL).
2. The relevant lending institutions were financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company and PPP lenders approved by the United States Small Business Administration.
3. Edvard Paronyan, and other co-conspirators, laundered and used the fraudulently obtained PPP and EIDL loan proceeds for their own personal benefit and for the benefit of their co-conspirators, including for expenses prohibited under the requirements of the PPP and EIDL programs, such as the purchase of residential

properties.

4. On or about May 11, 2020, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing a scheme to defraud the SBA and an approved SBA lender of PPP loans, Edvard Paronyan and other co-conspirators, aiding and abetting each other, transmitted and caused the transmission of PPP loan proceeds, sent by means of wire and radio communication in interstate and foreign commerce.
5. Edvard Paronyan was sentenced by the United States District Court for the Central District of California to 30 months imprisonment and three (3) years supervised release.
6. The conduct underlying the conviction described above occurred in connection with a financial transaction.

With this Final Order, FHFA is directing each regulated entity to cease or refrain from engaging in any business relationship with Edvard Paronyan for a term of ten (10) years, beginning on August 15, 2022. This suspension extends to any individual, company, partnership or other group that FHFA determines to be an affiliate of Edvard Paronyan.

The Final Order's requirement for regulated entities to cease any business relationship with Edvard Paronyan does not apply to the existing or future purchase, sale, modification, foreclosure alternative transaction, or other foreclosure-related transaction of a residential mortgage loan owned by a regulated entity, if Edvard Paronyan is the borrower of such residential mortgage loan and the transaction is for the borrower's own personal or household residence.

This Final Order is a final action of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Clinton Jones, Suspending Official