## BEFORE THE REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.; DBA FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.; GILBERTO PREZ-PAREDES, RMO/PRES 3018 Delaware Street Oakland, CA 94602

General Building Contractor License No. 1044341

Respondent.

CASE NO. N2020-120

ORDER TO ADOPT DEFAULT DECISION

[Gov. Code, § 11520]

The attached Default Decision is hereby adopted by the Registrar of Contractors as his Decision in the above-entitled matter.

Contractor's License Number 1044341 issued to FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONTRACTOR INC DBA FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC is revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 7102 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 870 of the Code of Regulations, title 16, Respondent FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC DBA FOUR PIERS GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC. Contractor's License No 1044341, shall not apply for reissuance or reinstatement of said license for two year(s) from the effective date of this Decision.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on June 25, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 25, 2021.

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Registrar of Contractors

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16	Oakland, CA 94602	[Gov. Code, §11520]
17	General Building Contractor license No. 1044341	
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21	<u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>	
22	1. On or about February 10, 2021, Accusation No. N2020-120 was filed against Four	
23	Piers General Contractor, Inc., dba Four Piers General Construction, Inc., Gilberto Perez-Paredes	
24	RMO/CEO/President (Respondent) before the Registrar of Contractors (Registrar) for the	
25	Contractors' State License Board (Board). (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.) Liliana Tejeda	
26	Gonzalez, who became an Officer on June 18, 2019, is of record with the Board but not named as	
27	a respondent.	•
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- 2. On or about June 18, 2019, the Registrar issued General Building Contractor License No. 1044341 to Respondent. The General Building Contractor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. N2020-120 and will expire on June 30, 2021, unless renewed
- 3. On or about February 17, 2021, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. N2020-120, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is: 3018 Delaware Street, Oakland, CA 94602.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
  - 5. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:
  - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 6. The Registrar takes official notice of the Board's records and the fact that Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon it of the Accusation, and therefore waived its right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. N2020-120.
  - 7. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:
  - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent. . . .
- 8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Registrar finds Respondent is in default. The Registrar will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained

therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. N2020-120, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. N2020-120, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

- 9. The Registrar finds that the actual costs for investigation and prosecution are \$5,216.83 as of March 16, 2021.
- 10. The Registrar finds that the loss to C.G. caused by the acts or omissions of Respondent is \$80,234.85.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent has subjected its General Building Contractor License No. 1044341 to discipline.
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Registrar of Contractors is authorized to revoke Respondent's general building contractor license based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:
  - a. Departure from Accepted Trade Standards (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7109, subd. (a));
  - b. Willful Disregard of Building Laws (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7110);
  - c. Failure to Complete Project for Contract Price (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7113);
  - d. Acting Under a Name Not on the License (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7117, subd. (a));
- e. Failure to Comply with the Provision of the Contractors' State License Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7159.)
- 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 7122.5, the performance by an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, firm, or association of an act or omission constituting a cause for disciplinary action constitutes a cause for disciplinary action against a licensee who at the time that the act or omission occurred was the qualifying individual of that individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, firm, or association, whether or not he or she had knowledge of or participated in the prohibited act or omission. Therefore, pursuant to section 7122.5, Gilberto Perez-Paredes, is subject to discipline regardless

of whether or not he had knowledge of or participated in the act(s) or omissions(s) in Accusation No. N2020-120. REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 42597875.DOCX DOJ Matter ID:SF2020401117 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation