BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

RALEY'S CORPORATION DBA RALEY'S PHARMACY #332 Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53516

and

HELEN MUNIRAH DANGTRAN
Pharmacist License No. RPH 72775

Respondents

Case No. 6490

OAH No. 2019110274

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2021.

It is so ORDERED on February 3, 2021.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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14	RALEY'S CORPORATION DBA RALEY'S PHARMACY #332	OAH No. 2019110274			
15	3001 Travis Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94534	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL REGARDING RALEY'S			
16	Original Permit No. PHY 53516,				
17	and	CORPORATION DBA RALEY'S PHARMACY #332			
18 19	HELEN MUNIRAH DANGTRAN 3001 Travis Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94534	[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]			
20	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 55589				
21	Respondents.				
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23	IT IS HEDEDV STIDLIL ATED AND AGD	EED by and between the parties to the above			
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25	entitled proceedings that the following matters are				
26	PARTIES 1. Anna Sadanguan (Camplain ant) is the Evacutive Officer of the Decard of Discussion.				
27	 Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by 				
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Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Aspasia A. Papavassiliou, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Raley's Corporation doing business as Raley's Pharmacy #332 (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Raymond R. Gates, whose address is: Lauria Tokunaga Gates & Linn, LLP, 1755 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 240, Sacramento, CA 95833-3645.

JURISDICTION

- 3. On or about May 19, 2015, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Permit Number PHY 53516 to Respondent. The Original Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 6490 and will expire on May 1, 2021, unless renewed.
- 4. Accusation No. 6490 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 8, 2019. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 6490 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 6490. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 6490, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon its Original Permit
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up its right to contest those charges.
- 10. Respondent agrees that its Original Permit is subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that they may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,

understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Permit No. PHY 53516 issued to Raley's Corporation doing business as Raley's Pharmacy #332 (Respondent) shall be publicly reproved by the Board of Pharmacy under Business and Professions Code section 495, in resolution of Accusation No. 6490, which is attached as exhibit A. This decision constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay \$4,250.50 to the Board for its costs associated with the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board. If Respondent fails to pay the Board costs as ordered, Respondent shall not be allowed to renew their Original Permit until Respondent pays costs in full.

Full Compliance. As a resolution of the charges in Accusation No. 6490, this stipulated settlement is contingent upon Respondent's full compliance with all conditions of this Order. If Respondent fails to satisfy any of these conditions, such failure to comply constitutes cause for discipline, including outright revocation, of Respondent's Original Permit No. PHY 53516.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Raymond R. Gates. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Original Permit. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently,

1	and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.			
2	DATED:			
3	HELEN SINGMASTER, SECRETARY, FOR RALEY'S CORPORATION			
4	DBA RALEY'S PHARMACY #332			
5	Respondent			
6	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent the terms and conditions and other matter			
7	contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval. I			
8	approve its form and content.			
9	DATED.			
10	DATED: RAYMOND R. GATES			
11	Attorney for Respondent			
12	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>			
13	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.			
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16	DATED: Respectfully submitted,			
17	XAVIER BECERRA			
18	Attorney General of California DIANN SOKOLOFF			
19	Supervising Deputy Attorney General			
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21	ASPASIA A. PAPAVASSILIOU Deputy Attorney General			
22	Attorneys for Complainant			
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3	ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of		
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5	Consumer Affairs.		
6	DATED: 11 19 2020 Respectfully submitted,		
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17	Original Permit No. PHY 53516,				
18	and				
19	HELEN MUNIRAH DANGTRAN				
20	3001 Travis Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94534				
21	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 55589				
22	Respondents.				
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24	Complainant alleges:				
25	<u>PARTIES</u>				
26	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity				
27	as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.				
28	2. On or about May 19, 2015, the Board of I	Pharmacy issued Original Permit Number			
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 6490

PHY 53516 to Raley's Corporation doing business as Raley's Pharmacy #332 (Respondent Pharmacy). The Original Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation and will expire on May 1, 2019, unless renewed.

- 3. On or about July 6, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 55589 to Helen Munirah Dangtran (Respondent Pharmacist). The Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation and will expire on February 29, 2020, unless renewed.
- 4. Respondent Pharmacist has been the Pharmacist-in-Charge of Respondent Pharmacy since on or about December 9, 2016.

JURISDICTION

- 5. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
 - 6. Section 4113 of the Code, states, in pertinent part:
- "(c) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."
 - 7. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

8. Section 4307, subd. (a), of the Code states:

Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked,

suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

9. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

. . .

- "(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."
 - 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b), states:

"Each pharmacy licensed by the board shall maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured and distributed. The pharmacy shall be of sufficient size and unobstructed area to accommodate the safe practice of pharmacy."

COST RECOVERY PROVISION

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

DRUG

12. Promethazine with codeine, used as a cough syrup medication and also known by the trade name Phenergan with codeine, is a controlled substance under Health and Safety Code section 11058, and a dangerous drug under Business and Professions Code section 4022.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Operational Standards and Security) (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1714, subd. (b))

13. Respondent Pharmacy has subjected its pharmacy permit to discipline, and Respondent Pharmacist has subjected his pharmacist license to discipline, because Respondents failed to meet operational standards and security by failing to maintain their facility in a manner so that drugs could be safely prepared, maintained, secured, and distributed (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1714, subd. (b)). An audit for the period May 1, 2017—January 2, 2018, showed that Respondent Pharmacy had a shortage of a large amount of promethazine with codeine cough syrup, with a total of approximately 34,268 ml of the drug missing from the pharmacy inventory.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 14. As a disciplinary consideration, Complainant alleges that on or about January 12, 2018, the Board issued Respondent Pharmacy an Order of Correction for failure to maintain operational standards and security (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1714, subd. (b)). The order was for the pharmacy to have the drug stock shelves cleaned, as the shelves were so dusty that the inspector could write her name in the dust.
- 15. As a further disciplinary consideration, Complainant alleges that each Respondent has been issued a citation by the Board, as described below.
- A. On or about June 1, 2018, the Board issued Citation Number CI 2017 76665 to Respondent Pharmacy for dispensing an irregular and invalid controlled substance prescription (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1761, subd. (a) and Health & Saf. Code, 11164, subd. (a)). The offense occurred on or about July 1, 2016, when Respondent Pharmacy dispensed an irregular and invalid prescription for 240 ml of promethazine with codeine to patient JG without verification and resolution of the irregularities with the prescriber. The citation, which did not impose a fine, is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

1	B.	On or about November	5, 2015, the Board issued Citation Number CI 2014 65347 to
2	Respondent Pharmacist for failing to provide proof of compliance with continuing education		
3	requirements (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4231, subd. (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1732.5).		
4	Respondent was required to complete 30 hours of continuing education in the period of March 1,		
5	2012—February 28, 2014, but was deficient by 2.5 hours, which she made up after the deadline.		
6	The citation, which imposed a \$100 fine that Respondent paid, is now final and is incorporated b		
7	reference as if fully set forth.		
8			<u>PRAYER</u>
9	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this		
10	Accusation and that, following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:		
11	1. Revoking or suspending Original Permit Number PHY 53516, issued to Raley's		
12	Corporation doing business as Raley's Pharmacy #332;		
13	2. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 55589, issued to		
14	Helen Munirah Dangtran;		
15	3.	3. Ordering Raley's Corporation doing business as Raley's Pharmacy #332 and Helen	
16	Munirah Dangtran to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and		
17	enforcemen	t of this case, pursuant t	to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,
18	4.	Taking such other and t	further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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20	DATED:	March 6, 2019	anne Sodergren
21	DATED.		ANNE SODERGREN Interim Executive Officer
22			Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs
23			State of California Complainant
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