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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Statement of Issues
Against:

Case No. 4164

12 **ANGEL LOPEZ**
13 27039 Cypress Street
14 Highland, CA 92346

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

15 Applicant for Pharmacy Technician
16 Registration

17 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official
22 capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 23 2. On or about October 11, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) received an
24 application for an Applicant for Pharmacy Technician Registration from Angel Lopez
25 (Respondent). On or about August 7, 2010, Angel Lopez certified under penalty of perjury to the
26 truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied
27 the application on July 12, 2011.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

2 3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Board under the authority of the
3 following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise
4 indicated.

5 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

6 4. Section 480 in pertinent part authorizes the Board to deny applications for licenses or
7 registrations if the applicant has been convicted of substantially related crimes or makes false
8 statements of fact on an application:

9 "(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the
10 applicant has one of the following:

11 (1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this
12 section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo
13 contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment
14 of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment
of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is
made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under
the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

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16 (3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or
17 profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

18 (B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if
19 the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the
business or profession for which application is made.

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21 (c) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the ground that
22 the applicant knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed in the
application for the license."

23 5. Section 4300 subdivision (c) authorizes the Board to refuse a license or registration to
24 any applicant who is guilty of unprofessional conduct:

25 "(c) The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of
26 unprofessional conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary
27 license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who
has met all other requirements for licensure. The board may issue the license subject
28 to any terms or conditions not contrary to public policy, including, but not limited to,
the following:

- (1) Medical or psychiatric evaluation.
- (2) Continuing medical or psychiatric treatment.
- (3) Restriction of type or circumstances of practice.
- (4) Continuing participation in a board-approved rehabilitation program.
- (5) Abstention from the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (6) Random fluid testing for alcohol or drugs.
- (7) Compliance with laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. "

6. Section 4301 lists examples of unprofessional conduct:

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

...

(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

...

(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.

(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."

(p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 in pertinent part defines when a crime or act is substantially related to a license or registration:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

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1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

2 **(Convictions of Substantially-Related Crimes)**

3 8. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivisions (a)(1)
4 and (a)(3)(B), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that
5 Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or
6 duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:

7 a. On or about May 09, 2011, after pleading *nolo contendere*, Respondent was
8 convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08%
9 and more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood], in the criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Angel*
10 *Lopez* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2011, No. TVA801455). The court sentenced
11 Respondent to 45 days in jail, placed him on probation for a period of 36 months, and fined him.

12 b. The circumstances surrounding 2011 conviction are that on or about June 22, 2008,
13 the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department stopped Respondent for speeding at 100 mph on the 210
14 freeway. He admitted to drinking and a preliminary field screening showed his blood alcohol
15 content was .243% and .255%.

16 c. On or about May 30, 2007, after pleading guilty Respondent was convicted of two
17 misdemeanor counts for violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) [driving under the
18 influence of drugs and/or alcohol] and Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving
19 while having 0.08% and more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood], in the criminal proceeding
20 entitled *People v. Angel Lopez* (Super. Ct. Riverside County, 2007, No. RIM498329). The court
21 sentenced Respondent to a total of 12 days in jail, placed him on probation for a period of 36
22 months, and fined him.

23 d. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about April 4, 2007,
24 officers of the California Highway Patrol Riverside Department saw Respondent sitting alongside
25 the road in a parked car with the door open and several empty beer cans on the ground in front of
26 him. He appeared drunk. They warned him not to drive drunk and to have a woman who was
27 with him drive him home. Despite their admonition, later that same day in the same area they
28 saw him driving his car and stopped him. He was still drunk. He failed field sobriety tests and

1 two breathalyzer tests showed he had a blood alcohol content of .147% and .140%.

2 e. On or about April 12, 2006, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of
3 misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 647, subdivision (f) [disorderly conduct:
4 Intoxication of drugs and/or alcohol], in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State*
5 *of California v. Angel Lopez* (Super. Ct. Santa Ana County, 2005, No. 06CM01931). The court
6 ordered Respondent to pay a fine.

7 f. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about November 25,
8 2005, Respondent was found drunk in his parked car with the keys in his ignition. Two
9 breathalyzer tests showed he had a blood alcohol content of .100% and .101%.

10 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

11 **(Dangerous Self-Administration of Alcoholic Beverages)**

12 9. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 4300 subdivision (c) and
13 4301 subdivision (h) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct because on or about June 22, 2008
14 and April 02, 2007 Respondent drank substantial amounts of alcohol and drove while highly
15 intoxicated, making him a danger to himself and others. Complainant refers to, and by this
16 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 8 and its subparagraphs as
17 though set forth fully.

18 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

19 **(Knowingly Made a False Statement of Fact)**

20 10. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (c), in
21 that on or about August 7, 2010, Respondent knowingly made a false statement of fact by failing
22 to disclose any convictions on his application for licensure. Complainant refers to, and by this
23 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 8 and its subparagraphs as
24 though set forth fully.

25 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

26 **(Multiple Convictions Involving the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)**

27 11. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code sections 4300 subdivision
28 (c) and 4301 subdivision (k) because he has three misdemeanor convictions involving the use,

1 consumption, or self-administration of alcoholic beverages. Complainant refers to, and by this
2 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 8 and its subparagraphs as
3 though set forth fully.

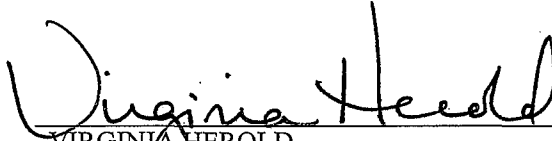
4 **PRAYER**

5 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
6 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 7 1. Denying the application of Angel Lopez for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician;
8 and
9 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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