

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Paragon Funding, LLC
NMLS No. 1418238

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CONSENT ORDER

TO: Paragon Funding, LLC
402 Sherry Way
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner"), upon information that Paragon Funding, LLC ("Respondent"), may have violated provisions of the New Jersey Residential Mortgage Lending Act, N.J.S.A. 17:11C-51 to -81 ("Act"), and annual report regulations, N.J.A.C. 3:1-7.6 and N.J.A.C. 3:23-4.1; and

WHEREAS, Respondent is licensed as a residential mortgage broker in New Jersey, NMLS No. 1418238; and

WHEREAS, Respondent failed to file its 2022 annual report by the May 1, 2023 deadline, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:11C-85, N.J.A.C. 3:1-7.6 and N.J.A.C. 3:23-4.1; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, the Commissioner issued an Order and Notice of Violation ("Order AR23-N014226") to Respondent; and

WHEREAS, Order AR23-N014226 advised Respondent of its failure to timely file the 2022 annual report and imposed a penalty; and

WHEREAS, Respondent filed its 2022 annual report late on July 3, 2023 and was consequently assessed a penalty of \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, Respondent contacted the Department of Banking and Insurance with information about mitigating factors and requested a reduction in the penalty amount; and

WHEREAS, specifically, Respondent provided a reasonable explanation that caused the report to be filed late due to the illness of an immediate family member as well proved the original fine created a tangible financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, per the mitigating factors the Respondent submitted to the Department, the Commissioner finds it is appropriate to reduce the penalty amount from \$3,000 to \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, Respondent admits and agrees to take responsibility for the aforementioned violation of the Act and the annual report regulations;

WHEREAS Respondent has waived its right to a hearing on this matter and consents to payment of a penalty in the amount of \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, Respondent agrees it shall not engage in any future violations of the banking laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this matter should be resolved upon the consent of all parties; and

WHEREAS good cause exists to impose a civil penalty in this matter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 14th day of February 2024

ORDERED AND AGREED that the Department's Order and Notice of Violation AR23-N014226 is hereby amended; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that the penalty amount for Respondent's late filing of the 2022 annual report is reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,500; and

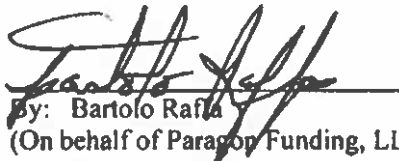
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that simultaneously with execution of this Consent Order by Respondent, it shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 by certified check, official bank check, or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey," which shall be sent to:

New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance
Collections Department
20 West State Street, 10th Floor
P.O. Box 325
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that the provisions of this Consent Order represent a final agency decision and constitute final resolution of the violations contained herein.


Justin Zimmerman
Acting Commissioner

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT AND ENTRY:


By: Bartolo Ruffa
(On behalf of Paragon Funding, LLC)

Date: 8/29/2023

President
(Title)