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14 BEFORE THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
16 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

17 IN THE MATTER OF:

18 VARENNA LLC, OAKMONT SENIOR  
19 LIVING LLC, and OAKMONT  
20 MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC,  
21 dba Villa Capri Residential Care Facility for  
22 the Elderly  
23 ("Villa Capri")  
24 1397 Fountaingrove Parkway  
25 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

26 VARENNA LLC, OAKMONT SENIOR  
27 LIVING LLC, and OAKMONT  
MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC,  
dba Varenna at Fountaingrove  
Residential Care Facility for the  
Elderly  
("Varenna")  
1401 Fountaingrove Parkway  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

DEBORAH SMITH  
Administrator, Villa Capri

NATHAN CONDIE  
Administrator, Varenna

Respondents.

CDSS NO. 7218241101-F  
OAH No. 2018091018

STIPULATION AND  
WAIVER; AND ORDER

1 Respondents Varena LLC, Oakmont Senior Living LLC, and Oakmont  
2 Management Group LLC (collectively "Respondent Oakmont"), Respondent Deborah  
3 Smith ("Respondent Smith"), and Respondent Nathan Condie ("Respondent Condie"),  
4 having obtained the counsel of **JOEL S. GOLDMAN** and **SCOTT J. KIEPEN**, have  
5 been fully advised of the allegations in the Accusation in this matter (a copy of which is  
6 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by reference), and hereby enter  
7 into the following Stipulation and Waiver; and Order with the Complainant as a means of  
8 achieving a full and final resolution of the Accusation filed in this matter, in lieu of an  
9 evidentiary hearing and decision.

10 Respondents and Complainant hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

11 1. FINDINGS: Respondents admit, for the purposes of this action, the  
12 following, relating to incidents that took place on October 8-9, 2017 as a result of the  
13 Tubbs Fire:

14 A. Staff departed Villa Capri<sup>1</sup> without all residents being evacuated.

15 B. Staff at Varena<sup>2</sup> did not notify all residents of an emergency  
16 evacuation and did not evacuate all residents prior to departing from  
17 Varena.

18 C. As a result of all staff leaving Villa Capri and Varena, facility  
19 residents were left unattended and no staff remained at either facility to provide  
20 direction or care and supervision to these residents; or to assume oversight of  
21 the facilities.

22 D. Staff were precluded from returning to the facilities by local  
23 authorities after shuttling residents to evacuation sites.

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26 <sup>1</sup> 1397 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa ("Villa Capri").

27 <sup>2</sup> 1401 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa ("Varena").

1 E. Remaining residents were dependent on family members and  
2 emergency responders for evacuation after staff left Villa Capri and Varenna.

3 F. There was a large bus at Varenna that could have been used to  
4 evacuate residents.

5 G. Training provided by Respondents to staff did not fully prepare  
6 some staff to deal with the Tubbs Fire crisis.

7 H. Emergency personnel were not able to initially assist during the  
8 evacuations.

9 All admissions herein, be they general or specific, express or implied, do  
10 not constitute admissions for any other purpose or proceeding to which the  
11 Department of Social Services is not a party, including third party civil, criminal,  
12 or administrative proceedings.

13 2. LICENSE REVOCATION: The revocation of Respondent Oakmont's  
14 licenses to operate residential care facilities for the elderly ("RCFEs") located at 1397  
15 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa ("Villa Capri") and 1401 Fountaingrove Parkway,  
16 Santa Rosa ("Varenna") shall be affirmed upon the Department's adoption of this  
17 Stipulation as its Order. However, the revocation of Respondents' RCFE licenses to  
18 operate Villa Capri and Varenna shall be STAYED for a period of two (2) years.  
19 Respondents shall be allowed to petition the Department for early termination of the  
20 probationary period after one (1) year.

21 3. PROBATIONARY LICENSES: During the probationary period described  
22 in paragraph 2, above, Respondent Oakmont shall comply with the following terms and  
23 conditions:

24 A. Respondents shall operate Villa Capri in strict compliance with the  
25 regulations and statutes governing the operation of residential care facilities for  
26 the elderly. Respondents shall operate Varenna in strict compliance with the  
27 regulations and statutes governing the operation of residential care facilities for

1 the elderly and continuing care retirement communities. All requirements set forth  
2 in Health and Safety Code section 1569.695, as amended by Assembly Bill 3098,  
3 Chapter 348 of the Statutes of 2018, imposing new requirements relating to  
4 emergency and disaster response plans, a copy of which is attached as  
5 Attachment 2 and incorporated by reference, shall be complied with. All further  
6 references to Section 1569.695 refer to the version of that Health and Safety  
7 Code section that was amended by Chapter 348 of the Statutes of 2018.

8 B. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Order adopting  
9 this Stipulation and Waiver, Respondents shall submit to the Department  
10 updated emergency disaster plans for Villa Capri and Varenna. The plans shall  
11 be site-specific and shall be updated annually and reviewed and approved by  
12 Respondents. Respondents shall develop a protocol to encourage review of the  
13 plans by local emergency authorities consistent with subdivision (j) of Section  
14 1569.695. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in Health and  
15 Safety Code Section 1569.695, the plans shall include the following:

16 (1) A system for maintenance of readily-accessible current  
17 information about the status of all residents for evacuation purposes,  
18 including current information about which residents are non-ambulatory,  
19 bedridden, and/or unable to leave the facility without assistance, and a  
20 protocol regarding the assistance residents would need in the event of an  
21 emergency evacuation, with consideration given to additional assistance that  
22 would be required based on a resident's location on a non-ground-level floor.  
23 The information shall also be current regarding whether a resident uses  
24 hearing aids, glasses, or requires another assistive device, such as oxygen or  
25 a wheelchair. This information shall be maintained offsite and accessible  
26 remotely by management, as well as at the facility in a hard copy format. For  
27 purposes of this paragraph, information shall be considered current if it

1 reflects the most recent information available to the facility pursuant to Title  
2 22 of the California Code of regulations, sections 87463 and 87467.

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4 (2) A mechanism to reasonably ensure the accessibility of all  
5 information required to be readily available to facility staff in case of an  
6 emergency, as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 1569.695(e), via  
7 remote means and offsite.

8 (3) A method whereby the facility's administrator and designated  
9 substitutes receive real-time emergency notifications from public safety  
10 agencies so that such information can be disseminated to on-duty staff.

11 (4) Procedures for periodically confirming the location and  
12 status of each resident after an event that results in the implementation of the  
13 emergency evacuation plan if the resident has not returned to the facility, in  
14 addition to the requirements of Health and Safety Code section  
15 1569.695(a)(7)(H).

16 (5) A clear protocol for notifying residents' responsible parties or  
17 family members during evacuation, if reasonably practicable; immediately or  
18 as soon as practicable after any relocation; and on a regular basis following  
19 any relocation or evacuation.

20 (6) A written description of the role and responsibility of the  
21 facility's administrator and designated substitutes with regard to emergencies,  
22 as well as steps the facility has taken to ensure there is a qualified designated  
23 substitute at the facility at all times pursuant to Health and Safety Code  
24 section 1569.618.

25 (7) Where audio and visual alarms are absent, an alternative  
26 method shall be developed and submitted to the Department for review and  
27 approval whereby all facility residents would be notified of the need for

1 evacuation of the entire facility, including independent living and casita  
2 residents, with consideration given to the likelihood that residents may have  
3 hearing impairments.

4 (8) Designation of a staff position at each site to be in charge of  
5 safety and security.

6 (9) A process for communicating with residents, families,  
7 hospice providers and others during an evacuation or other disaster where  
8 the facility shelters in place, as appropriate, that shall include the use of  
9 landlines, cellular telephones, or walkie-talkies throughout all facilities, and  
10 taking into consideration whether cellular reception is weak, for purposes of  
11 complying with the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code section  
12 1569.695(a)((7)(C).

13 D. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Order adopting  
14 this Stipulation and Waiver, Respondents shall submit updated staffing plans for  
15 Villa Capri and Varenna to the Department to ensure there is sufficient staff,  
16 including sufficient staff to reasonably ensure residents receive timely notice of an  
17 evacuation and to address residents' needs as reasonably practicable during an  
18 evacuation Respondents shall focus particularly on staffing between 10:00 pm and  
19 6:00 am to ensure sufficient staff based on the actual needs of residents in care at  
20 the facilities. During the period of probation, these plans shall be readily available  
21 for review at the monitoring visits by the Department.

22 E. In addition to the requirement of Health and Safety Code section  
23 1569.695(b) that each facility staff member receive emergency and disaster plan  
24 training upon hire, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Order adopting  
25 this Stipulation and Waiver, Respondents shall submit an updated training plan to  
26 the Department that ensures all current staff, including night staff, have received  
27 training required pursuant to this Stipulation and Waiver; and the Order adopting it

1 and the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 1569.695. Respondents  
2 may apply in writing to the Department for an extension of up to thirty (30)  
3 additional days to complete this training. During the period of probation,  
4 documentation of this training shall be readily available for review at the monitoring  
5 visits by the Department.

6 F. All facility staff, including night staff, shall participate in quarterly  
7 drills required pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.695(c). In  
8 addition, at least one evacuation drill shall be conducted annually at each facility.  
9 Memory care residents are not required to participate in these drills and other  
10 residents shall be provided the opportunity to voluntarily participate. The intention  
11 is for the annual drill experience to be as realistic as possible; to this end, live  
12 substitutes shall be utilized to stand in for residents who are unable or unwilling to  
13 participate in the annual drill required by this paragraph and there shall be a  
14 minimum participation level, between residents and stand-ins, of a number  
15 equivalent to at least 80 percent of facility residents. The facilities shall notify all  
16 residents and their responsible parties about the evacuation drill required by this  
17 paragraph and maintain written documentation for all residents who choose not to  
18 participate in the drill.

19 4. MONITORING FEE: Respondent Oakmont shall pay a probation  
20 monitoring fee equal to the annual fee for the RCFE licenses for Villa Capri and  
21 Varenna license during the period of probation, as required by Health and Safety Code  
22 sections 1523.1 and 1569.185.

23 5. VIOLATION OF STIPULATION TERM (FACILITIES): Respondent  
24 Oakmont agrees that violation of any of the terms of probation set forth in Paragraph 3,  
25 or any other term of this agreement relative to its operation and probation, shall  
26 constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation of either or both probationary licenses  
27 granted herein. In such an event, Respondent Oakmont will be entitled to an

1 administrative hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings on the sole issue of  
2 whether there was a serious or substantial violation of a material term and/or condition  
3 herein; and whether Respondent Oakmont is responsible for, has caused, and/or has  
4 permitted such a violation. Upon a finding that Respondent Oakmont committed a  
5 serious or substantial violation of a material condition or term and/or condition herein,  
6 the probationary license at issue shall be revoked. Respondent Oakmont agrees that  
7 valid service of an Accusation to revoke the probationary license may be effectuated by  
8 certified mail at the address identified in the caption of this Stipulation.

9 6. COMPLETION OF PROBATION (FACILITIES): Unless otherwise  
10 terminated earlier consistent with the provisions of Paragraph 2 above, if Respondent  
11 Oakmont successfully complies with the applicable terms of this Stipulation, at the end  
12 of the probationary period set forth in Paragraph 2, above, the conditions imposed upon  
13 the probationary RCFE licenses will expire and Respondent Oakmont's RCFE licenses  
14 to operate Villa Capri and Varenna will be granted in full.

15 7. REVOCATION OF ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATES: The  
16 administrator certificates of Respondent Smith and Respondent Condie are revoked  
17 upon the Department's adoption of this Stipulation as its Order. However, the  
18 revocations are STAYED for a period of two (2) years. Respondent Smith and  
19 Respondent Condie shall be allowed to petition the Department for early termination of  
20 the probationary period after one (1) year.

21 8. TERMS OF PROBATION (ADMINISTRATORS):

22 A. During the probationary period described in Paragraph 7,  
23 Respondents Smith and Condie agree to receive a minimum of forty (40) total  
24 hours of training from local emergency services providers or vendors approved by  
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1 the Department's Administrator Certification Unit<sup>3</sup> in the topics set forth below. At  
2 least twenty-five (25) of the forty (40) total hours of training shall be in person. The  
3 requirements imposed on Respondent Smith and Respondent Condie by this  
4 paragraph apply regardless of whether Respondent Smith and Respondent Condie  
5 continue to be employed at an Oakmont facility or gain employment at another  
6 facility licensed by the Department.

7 (1) Emergency disaster planning. It is intended that the following  
8 subject matters be addressed: Methods for ensuring that every substitute  
9 administrator is prepared to function as an administrator; methods to ensure that  
10 facility staff are aware of their role in an emergency; and the physical simulation  
11 of methods for two staff to transport non-ambulatory residents down flights of  
12 stairs.

13 (2) Facility staffing levels/resource allocation. It is intended that the  
14 following subject matters be addressed: Creating staffing schedules to ensure  
15 the appropriate level of staffing at all times to ensure that residents' needs are  
16 being met and to handle emergencies and evacuations.

17 (3) Communication with emergency services. It is intended that the  
18 following subject matters be addressed: development of a system and incident  
19 command process in the event of a disaster and clear  
20 assignment of communication between staff and emergency responders, as well  
21 as dissemination of information obtained by emergency responders.

22 (4) Plan of operations. It is intended that the following subject matters  
23 be addressed: Training to ensure each administrator is aware of their role and  
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25 <sup>3</sup> Approved training vendors are listed at [cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Community Care Licensing/  
26 Administrator-Certification/List-of-Approved-Vendors](http://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Community_Care_Licensing/Administrator-Certification/List-of-Approved-Vendors). To the extent necessary to fulfill the requirements  
27 of this Stipulation, Respondents may seek approval from the Department for additional vendors.

1 the role of other staff in the event of an emergency, including methods to ensure  
2 that all residents are notified of the emergency and are in safe custody prior to  
3 the administrator and staff leaving the premises.

4 (5) Communicating with residents and responsible parties. It is  
5 intended that the following subject matters be addressed: Methods for keeping  
6 communications current with on-campus and off-campus residents, to the extent  
7 desired by the residents, during regular facility operation and in an emergency;  
8 mechanisms for accounting for all residents on and off campus in the event of an  
9 emergency; and mechanisms for ensuring that the daily census is accurate.

10 B. During the probationary period set forth in Paragraph 7, above,  
11 prior to accepting a different offer of employment at a facility licensed by the  
12 Department, Respondent Smith and Respondent Condie shall provide a copy of  
13 this Stipulation to the prospective employer.

14 C. During the probationary period set forth in Paragraph 7, above,  
15 Respondent Smith and Respondent Condie shall inform the Department within ten  
16 (10) days if she or he becomes employed at a different licensed facility.

17 9. COMPLETION OF PROBATION (ADMINISTRATORS): Unless  
18 otherwise terminated earlier consistent with the provisions of Paragraph 7, above, if  
19 Respondent Smith successfully complies with the applicable terms of this Stipulation, at  
20 the end of the probationary period set forth in Paragraph 7, above, the conditions  
21 imposed upon her will expire and she will be allowed to work and be present in licensed  
22 facilities without restriction. Unless otherwise terminated earlier consistent with the  
23 provisions of Paragraph 7, above, if Respondent Condie successfully complies with the  
24 applicable terms of this Stipulation, at the end of the probationary period set forth in  
25 paragraph 7, above, the conditions imposed upon him will expire and he will be allowed  
26 to work and be present in licensed facilities without restriction.

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1           10. VIOLATION OF PROBATION (ADMINISTRATORS): Respondent Smith  
2 agrees that the violation of any terms of this stipulation relative to her will result in the  
3 revocation of her administrator's certificate. Respondent Condie agrees that the  
4 violation of any terms of this stipulation relative to him will result in the revocation of his  
5 administrator's certificate.

6           In such an event, each Respondent will be individually entitled to an  
7 administrative hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings on the sole issues of  
8 whether there was a serious or substantial violation of a material term and/or condition  
9 herein relating to that Respondent. Upon a finding that there was a serious or  
10 substantial violation of a material term and/or condition herein relating to that  
11 Respondent, the Respondent's administrator's certificate will be revoked. Respondent  
12 Smith and Respondent Condie agree that valid service of an Accusation be effectuated  
13 by certified mail at the address identified in the caption of this Stipulation or at an  
14 address subsequently provided in writing to the Department.

15           11. TOLLING OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD: The probationary period set  
16 forth in Paragraph 2, above, is tolled for Villa Capri and/or Varenna during any period  
17 that facility is not operating. The probationary period set forth in Paragraph 7, above, is  
18 tolled for Respondent Smith and/or Respondent Condie during any period that she or he  
19 is not working in a licensed facility. The probationary period for the specific facility or  
20 individual shall be extended by the total time during which that facility is not operating or  
21 that individual is not working at a licensed facility. Furthermore, if an Accusation or  
22 Petition to Revoke Probation is filed during the period of probation, the period of  
23 probation for the facility or individual named in the Accusation or Petition to Revoke  
24 Probation shall be extended until a final Decision and Order is adopted by the  
25 Department.

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1           12. DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY: The fact that the Department may  
2 decline or omit to take immediate disciplinary action for a violation of a condition of  
3 probation or any of the other terms of this Stipulation does not constitute a waiver by the  
4 Department of the right to raise that violation at a later date in a disciplinary proceeding  
5 or in any other context. Respondents, and each of them, understand that nothing in this  
6 agreement is to be construed to limit the authority of the Department to impose  
7 discipline for violations of applicable statutes and regulations. If any Accusation seeking  
8 to revoke probation is filed by the Department during the period of probation, then the  
9 period of probation and the probationary terms shall be extended, if necessary,  
10 and shall remain in force and effect until such time as the Department issues a final  
11 Decision and Order on the Accusation.

12           13. PENDING OR FUTURE FACILITY APPLICATIONS: The Department  
13 shall review in good faith and without prejudice any facility applications submitted by  
14 Respondent Oakmont, Oakmont Management Group LLC, Oakmont Senior Living LLC,  
15 and/or Varenna LLC that are currently pending Department review or are submitted in  
16 the future.

17           14. WAIVER OF HEARING RIGHTS: The parties waive their rights to a  
18 hearing in this matter, to present any evidence on their behalf and to cross-examine  
19 witnesses testifying on the other party's behalf. The parties waive their rights to further  
20 discovery in this matter.

21           15. WAIVER OF APPEAL/MODIFICATION RIGHTS:

22           A. Respondents, and each of them, waive all rights of review arising  
23 out of this action or this Stipulation and Waiver or the Order implementing it,  
24 including, but not limited, to a petition for reinstatement, reduction of penalty, or  
25 rehearing, reconsideration, writ of administrative mandamus, any other judicial or  
26 administrative review or any other right or ability any Respondent may have to  
27 seek to have this Stipulation modified or set aside on any grounds whatsoever,

1 other than as expressly indicated herein.

2 B. All citation appeals submitted by Respondent Oakmont prior to the  
3 date of the Order adopting this Stipulation and Waiver in response to findings  
4 issued by the Department as a result of the events of October 8-9, 2017 are  
5 withdrawn.

6 16. WAIVER OF CLAIMS: The parties waive all legal actions against each  
7 other arising out of events that took place on October 8-9, 2017, including any legal  
8 actions against Fountaingrove Lodge LLC, Oakmont Management Group LLC, and  
9 Oakmont Senior Living LLC, doing business as Fountaingrove Lodge, regarding any  
10 facts known to the Department on or prior to the effective date of the Order adopting this  
11 Stipulation and Waiver. This waiver of claims does not preclude the following:

12 (1) Civil penalties;

13 (2) Monitoring fees; and

14 (3) Any action arising out of an audit or other review to establish,  
15 modify, preserve, enforce, or to recover an overpayment or to reimburse an  
16 underpayment of public or private funds.

17 (4) The issuance of citations or deficiencies arising out of complaints  
18 that may be received by the Department after the effective date of the Order  
19 adopting this Stipulation and Waiver. Respondents may appeal any such citations  
20 or deficiencies.

21 17. PUBLIC RECORD: This Stipulation is a public record as required by  
22 section 11517(d) of the Government Code. It is accessible to the public pursuant to the  
23 Public Records Act, section 6250 et seq. of the Government Code and shall be posted  
24 in a prominent place at Villa Capri and Varenna, as well as on Oakmont's website in the  
25 section relating to the Tubbs fire.

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1           18. SIGNATURES: A facsimile or scanned copy of the signature page of  
2 this Stipulation will bind the signing party or parties to the terms and conditions herein  
3 once any remaining party or parties execute the document and once the Order is  
4 executed.

5           19. COUNTERPARTS: This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts.

6           20. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Stipulation is effective on the date on which  
7 the Department's Order adopting it is executed.

8           21. NO ORAL MODIFICATION: This Stipulation constitutes the entire  
9 agreement between the parties with respect to the Accusation in this case. Moreover,  
10 the terms of this Stipulation may not be amended except in writing, signed by all the  
11 parties thereto.

12           22. LICENSEE REPRESENTATIVE: In entering into this Stipulation,  
13 Respondent Oakmont represents that its governing bodies have reviewed the  
14 allegations contained in the Accusation and that, in executing this Stipulation, the  
15 signatories to this Stipulation have the authority to so act on behalf of Respondent  
16 Oakmont as designated below.

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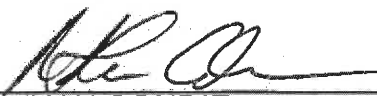
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2 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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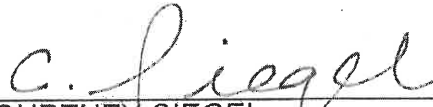
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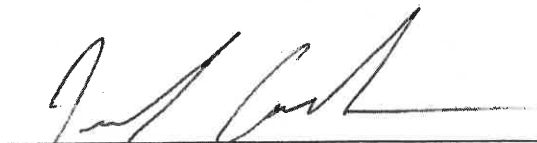
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DECISION AND ORDER

The preceding Stipulation hereby is adopted by the Department as its  
Decision in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.



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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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**CDSS No. 7218241101B**

**ACCUSATION  
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**DEBORAH SMITH,  
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**CDSS No. 7218241101C**

**ACCUSATION  
(ADMINISTRATOR  
DECERTIFICATION)**

**DEBORAH SMITH,  
Executive Director/Administrator  
Villa Capri**

**CDSS No. 7218241101D**

**ACCUSATION  
(EXCLUSION ACTION)**

**NATHAN CONDIE,  
Executive Director/Administrator  
Varena at Fountaingrove**

**CDSS No. 7218241101E**

**ACCUSATION  
(ADMINISTRATOR  
DECERTIFICATION)**

1 NATHAN CONDIE,  
2 Executive Director/Administrator  
3 Varena at Fountaingrove

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ACCUSATION  
(EXCLUSION ACTION)

4 Respondents.

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6 **JURISDICTION**

7 1. This matter arises under the California Residential Care Facilities for the  
8 Elderly Act, Health and Safety Code section 1569 et seq., which governs the licensing  
9 and operation of residential care facilities for the elderly ("RCFEs").

10 2. Regulations governing the licensing and operation of RCFEs are  
11 contained in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 87100 et seq.

12 3. The California Department of Social Services ("the Department") is the  
13 agency of the State of California responsible for the licensing and inspection of RCFEs.

14 4. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.50, the Department  
15 may suspend or revoke an RCFE license.

16 5. The Department may suspend or revoke an RCFE license if any  
17 employee or administrator of the licensee's facility has violated the law governing  
18 licensed facilities, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.50(b).

19 6. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.52, the Department  
20 may institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against an RCFE licensee following  
21 the suspension, expiration, or forfeiture of a license.

22 7. The Department may prohibit any person from being a licensee, owning  
23 a beneficial ownership interest of 10 percent or more in a licensed facility, or being an  
24 administrator, officer, director, member, or manager of a licensee or entity controlling a  
25 licensee, and may further prohibit any licensee from employing, or continuing the  
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27 <sup>1</sup> Subsequent references to any regulation section(s) are to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

1 employment of, or allowing in a licensed facility, or allowing contact with clients of a  
2 licensed facility by, any employee, prospective employee, or person who is not a client  
3 of an RCFE pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.58 and may revoke or  
4 deem forfeited the certificate of an administrator pursuant to Health and Safety Code  
5 section 1569.616(h)(2) and Regulation section 87408(a).

6 8. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.58(f), the Department  
7 may institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against a person following the  
8 resignation, withdrawal of employment application, or change of duties, or any  
9 discharge, failure to hire, or reassignment of the person by the licensee or if the person  
10 no longer has contact with clients of the facility.

11 9. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 1569.51(b), and  
12 1569.58(e), the standard of proof to be applied in this proceeding is a preponderance of  
13 evidence.

14 10. Administrative proceedings before the Department must be conducted in  
15 conformity with the provisions of the California Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 5,  
16 Government Code section 11500 et seq.

17 **THE PARTIES**

18 11. Complainant **PAMELA DICKFOSS** is the authorized representative of  
19 the Director of the Department pursuant to a delegation of authority. Pursuant to  
20 Government Code section 11503, Complainant files this Accusation in her official  
21 capacity.

22 12. Respondents **VARENNA LLC, OAKMONT SENIOR LIVING LLC, and**  
23 **OAKMONT MANAGMENT GROUP LLC** (collectively, "Respondent LICENSEE") are  
24 licensed by the Department to operate an RCFE with a total capacity of 80 residents at  
25 1397 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa, a facility known as Villa Capri ("Villa Capri").

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1 A copy of Villa Capri's most recent license setting forth the capacity, limitations, and  
2 effective dates accompanies this Accusation as **ATTACHMENT A** and is incorporated  
3 by reference.

4 13. Respondent **LICENSEE** is also licensed by the Department to operate  
5 an RCFE with a total capacity of 322 residents at 1401 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa  
6 Rosa, a facility known as Varenna at Fountaingrove ("Varenna"). A copy of Varenna's  
7 most recent license setting forth the capacity, limitations, and effective dates  
8 accompanies this Accusation as **ATTACHMENT B** and is incorporated by reference.

9 14. In October 2017, Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH** was employed by  
10 Respondent **LICENSEE** as Villa Capri's Executive Director and Administrator.

11 15. In October 2017, Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** was employed by  
12 Respondent **LICENSEE** as Varenna's Executive Director and Administrator.

13 16. Respondent **LICENSEE**, by virtue of licensure, must operate in accordance  
14 with the statutes and regulations governing the licensing and operation of RCFEs and is  
15 subject to RCFE revocation if any employee or administrator of the licensee's facility  
16 has violated the law governing licensed facilities, pursuant to Health and Safety Code  
17 section 1569.50(b).

18 17. Respondents **DEBORAH SMITH** and **NATHAN CONDIE**, by virtue of  
19 presence in or contact with clients of an RCFE, are subject to the jurisdictional  
20 provisions of Health and Safety Code sections 1569.17 and 1569.58. Further,  
21 Respondents **DEBORAH SMITH** and **NATHAN CONDIE**, by virtue of administrator  
22 certification, must comply with the statutes and regulations governing the certification of  
23 administrators pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.616 and Regulation  
24 sections 87405, 87408, and 87409. Copies of the applicable statutes and regulations  
25 accompany this Accusation as **ATTACHMENT C** and are incorporated by reference.

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1 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 **VILLA CAPRI**

3 **SUBJECT MATTER:** CARE AND SUPERVISION/NIGHT SUPERVISION/STAFF  
4 TRAINING/EVACUATION PROCEDURES/PERSONAL  
5 RIGHTS (Villa Capri)

6 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.269(a)(6); 1569.50(a)  
7 and (b); 1569.58(a); 1569.625; and 1569.695  
8 Regulation sections 87101 (a)(1) and (6) and (n)(2)  
9 [definitions]; 87205 [licensee accountability]; 87212(b)(2)  
10 [emergency disaster plan]; 87405 [administrator qualifications  
11 and duties]; 87411 [personnel requirements]; 87415 [familiarity  
12 with planned emergency procedures]; and 87468(a) [personal  
13 rights]

14 **ALLEGATIONS:**

15 18. On the night of October 8-9, 2017, 62 elderly and disabled residents  
16 were residing and receiving care at Villa Capri. Of those 62 residents, 25 were part of  
17 the memory care (dementia) unit and 37 were in assisted living. All 25 of the memory  
18 care residents were considered nonambulatory because they were unable to exit  
19 unassisted in an emergency, pursuant to section 87101(n)(2). In addition, of the 37  
20 residents in assisted living, at least 22 were nonambulatory.

21 Four staff were on duty at Villa Capri overnight to care for the 62 residents.  
22 Marie So was the substitute administrator at Villa Capri, as required in section 87405(a),  
23 supervising Annet Rivas, Cynthia Arroyo, and Elizabeth Lopez.

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1 An evacuation of Villa Capri was required on the night of October 8-9, 2017  
2 due to wildfires. Respondent **LICENSEE** failed to ensure that Villa Capri staff members  
3 were able to provide adequate care and supervision to residents at Villa Capri on  
4 October 8-9, 2017, as follows:

5 A. Respondent **LICENSEE**, and its agents/employees, including  
6 Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH**, Villa Capri's administrator, failed to ensure that  
7 Marie So, Annet Rivas, Cynthia Arroyo, and Elizabeth Lopez were familiar with  
8 Villa Capri's planned emergency procedures or participated in emergency training,  
9 as required by Health and Safety Code section 1569.625(c)(6) and Regulation  
10 section 87415(a).

11 B. Marie So, Villa Capri's substitute administrator, was unable to direct  
12 staff during the evacuation and did not know the facility's evacuation plan. She did  
13 not utilize Villa Capri's emergency binder during the evacuation, did not know  
14 where keys for facility vehicles were kept, where flashlights were kept, or where  
15 batteries for flashlights were kept, nor did she know how to direct the staff she was  
16 supervising during the emergency, in violation of Regulation section 87415(a).  
17 While employed at Villa Capri, Marie So had never participated in a fire drill  
18 involving evacuating all residents.

19 C. Elizabeth Lopez did not know there was an emergency binder or  
20 where it was kept, or where the facility vehicle keys were kept. While employed at  
21 Villa Capri, Elizabeth Lopez had never participated in a fire drill involving  
22 evacuating all residents.

23 D. Cynthia Arroyo did not know where keys to facility vehicles  
24 were kept; she spent an hour unsuccessfully searching for facility vehicle keys in  
25 the scheduling office, the activities room, the med tech office, and other locations  
26 without finding the keys. Cynthia Arroyo had never participated in a fire drill while  
27 employed at Villa Capri.

1 E. Anett Rivas did not know where facility vehicle keys were kept.  
2 While employed at Villa Capri, she had never participated in a fire drill involving  
3 evacuating all residents in response to an outside fire while employed at Villa  
4 Capri.  
5 F. On the night of the fire, Elizabeth Lopez and Cynthia Arroyo were  
6 incapable of performing standard caregiver duties, such as transferring residents  
7 and turning residents, due to limitations on their ability to lift more than 10 pounds  
8 or use both hands.  
9 G. On October 9, 2017, at some point around 3:00 or 3:30 a.m., the  
10 exact time of which is unknown to Complainant, Marie So, the designated  
11 substitute administrator for Villa Capri, decided to leave two untrained staff,  
12 Cynthia Arroyo and Elizabeth Lopez, at the facility with approximately 30 elderly  
13 and infirm residents to await evacuation, although there were not adequate  
14 vehicles to provide transportation to all of the residents. Anett Rivas had already  
15 left the facility with other residents. When Marie So eventually arrived at  
16 an evacuation center, she did not notify anyone of the situation, nor did she call 911 to  
17 notify emergency responders while she was on her way to the evacuation center  
18 as a passenger in a vehicle. After Marie So left Villa Capri on the night of the fire,  
19 staff Cynthia Arroyo and Elizabeth Lopez departed from the facility in their personal  
20 vehicles with approximately six residents, leaving more than 20 elderly and infirm  
21 residents remaining at Villa Capri with no staff supervision.  
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1 H. As a result of the events described above, no staff were at Villa  
2 Capri to assist with the evacuation of more than 20 remaining elderly and infirm  
3 facility residents. These residents would have perished when the facility burned to  
4 the ground during the fire if the following had not happened:

5 i. After all Villa Capri staff left the facility, family members of Villa  
6 Capri residents stayed at the facility alone with residents and continued  
7 assisting non-ambulatory residents who were left stranded on the  
8 second floor and other residents who remained inside the facility lobby  
9 behind a locking door. Melissa Langhals made contact with a police  
10 cruiser that was passing by and asked for help.

11 ii. When emergency responders arrived at Villa Capri, family  
12 members assisted them with the evacuation of the more than 20  
13 remaining facility residents after all Villa Capri staff were gone. If these  
14 family members and emergency responders had not evacuated Villa  
15 Capri residents, more than 20 residents would have perished when Villa  
16 Capri burned to the ground after all staff left the facility.

17 i. When emergency responders arrived at Villa Capri, they noticed a  
18 large-capacity bus parked nearby that would have been useful to evacuate  
19 residents sitting unused in a parking lot near the facility. They were unable to use  
20 the bus because they did not have keys.

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1 **SUBJECT MATTER:** ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFICATIONS  
2 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.58(a)(1) and (2);  
3 1569.616  
4 Regulation section 87405(d)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and (h)

5 **ALLEGATIONS:**

6 19. Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH**, the administrator of Villa Capri, failed to  
7 train facility staff or to adequately direct the work of others, as described in paragraph  
8 18, above, and incorporated here by reference.

9 20. Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH** was contacted by Villa Capri substitute  
10 administrator Marie So at approximately 11:30 p.m. on the night of the fire when the  
11 facility's power went out. Because the power was out, the doors to the memory care  
12 unit, which housed people with dementia who could be at risk of wandering, were not  
13 secure. There were three doors through which demented residents might exit the  
14 facility, unsafely. Respondent Deborah Smith directed Marie So to station staff at the  
15 facility exits, which compromised staff members' ability to provide direct care to  
16 residents. However, Respondent Deborah Smith did not go to Villa Capri to assist at  
17 that time, despite the circumstances.

18 21. Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH** spoke to Marie So at approximately  
19 1:30 a.m. on the night of the fire and was informed that Villa Capri residents were being  
20 moved for evacuation. After speaking with Marie So, Respondent Deborah Smith  
21 began driving toward Villa Capri, but did not make it to the facility. Instead, Respondent  
22 Deborah Smith returned to her home for an unknown amount of time before heading to  
23 an evacuation center. She eventually arrived at an evacuation center at approximately  
24 6:00 a.m on October 9, 2018.

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1 **SUBJECT MATTER:** SAFEGUARD PERSONAL PROPERTY AND VALUABLES

2 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.50(a) and (b);  
3 Regulation section 87217(b) [safeguard personal property and  
4 valuables]

5 **ALLEGATIONS:**

6 22. On or about October 17, 2017, Respondent **LICENSEE**, or individuals  
7 authorized to act on its behalf, decided to clear the Villa Capri site and began to do so,  
8 using large equipment, without allowing residents or their families access to the site to  
9 search for personal belongings that may have survived the fire. Between October 10,  
10 2017 and October 16, 2017, at least two Villa Capri residents' family members had been  
11 informed by Respondent **LICENSEE**, or individuals authorized to act on its behalf, that  
12 they would receive communication about property retrieval.

13 **VARENNA**

14 **SUBJECT MATTER:** CARE AND SUPERVISION/NIGHT SUPERVISION/STAFF  
15 TRAINING/EVACUATION PROCEDURES/PERSONAL  
16 RIGHTS (Varenna)

17 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.269; 1569.50(a) and  
18 (b); 1569.58(a); 1569.625; and 1569.695  
19 Regulation sections 87205 [licensee accountability];  
20 87212(b)(2) [emergency disaster plan]; 87405(a), (b), (d), and  
21 (h) [administrator qualifications and duties]; 87415 [familiarity  
22 with planned emergency procedures]; and 87468(a) [personal  
23 rights]

24 **ALLEGATIONS:**

25 23. On October 8-9, 2017, 228 elderly residents were being cared for and  
26 resided at Varenna. Of those 228 residents, 142 were in Varenna's main building; 43  
27 were in two separate free standing buildings; and 43 were in individual "casitas." Of the

1 142 residents in Varenna's main building, 13 residents had been determined by  
2 Respondent **LICENSEE** to need care and supervision and a 14<sup>th</sup> resident was on  
3 hospice.

4 Two direct care staff were on duty at the facility to care for Varenna's 228  
5 residents overnight. Alma Dichoso was the lead direct care staff member in charge and  
6 Theresa Martinez was the second direct care staff member. Two maintenance staff  
7 members, Andre Blakely and Michael Rodriguez, were also on night duty.

8 An evacuation of the facility was required due to wildfires. Respondent  
9 **LICENSEE** failed to ensure that facility staff members were able to provide adequate  
10 care and supervision to elderly clients at the facility on October 8-9, 2017, as follows:

11 A. Facility staff, including Alma Dichoso and Theresa Martinez, were  
12 not trained in emergency evacuations or fire emergencies. Staff Maria Cervantes  
13 (a.k.a Jophell), who was not on duty but who came to the facility during the fire to  
14 help, also had not received training in emergency evacuations or fire emergencies.

15 B. Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE**, the administrator for Varenna,  
16 arrived at the facility at approximately 12:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. As the facility  
17 administrator, he was in charge of Varenna staff. However, Respondent **NATHAN**  
18 **CONDIE** did not provide any response to questions from Theresa Martinez, Andre  
19 Blakely, or Michael Rodriguez, each of whom separately asked Respondent  
20 **NATHAN CONDIE** about Varenna's evacuation plan that night.

21 C. Varenna staff, including Alma Dichoso, Andre Blakely, and Michael  
22 Rodriguez, were evacuating facility residents from their rooms at approximately  
23 2:00 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. when Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** directed them to return  
24 the residents to their rooms instead of continuing with the evacuation. Respondent  
25 **NATHAN CONDIE** stated that he did not want to cause issues or make trouble for  
26 Respondent **LICENSEE**.

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1           D.   Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** left Varena at approximately  
2   3:30 a.m. without notifying staff that he was leaving permanently or directing them  
3   how to proceed. Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** left behind more than 70  
4   residents with three on-duty staff members who were not trained in evacuation  
5   procedures: Alma Dichoso, Theresa Martinez, and Andre Blakely. Facility staff  
6   received no further communication from Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** during the  
7   evacuation.

8           E.   When Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** left the facility, he was  
9   aware that a large-capacity facility bus was in the parking lot, in sight of the facility,  
10   and that the keys for the vehicle were in the drawer of a desk at the facility.  
11   However, Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** did not ensure that staff on site, under  
12   his supervision, were aware of the location of those keys or tell them to use the  
13   bus to evacuate residents. In addition, Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** did not use  
14   the large facility bus himself to evacuate residents; instead, he took a small  
15   number of residents in his personal car and left the facility. The bus could have  
16   been used to evacuate approximately 26 residents. Respondent **NATHAN**  
17   **CONDIE** did not ensure that all residents at Varena were awake or alerted to the  
18   situation when he left.

19          F.   At some point after Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** left, the  
20   remaining staff departed from Varena while residents remained asleep in their  
21   rooms. As a result, residents, their families and friends, and emergency  
22   responders had to evacuate approximately 70 residents, as follows, without staff  
23   assistance:

24               I.   A friend of Resident # 1's granddaughter arrived and  
25               evacuated Resident # 1 sometime between 3:30 a.m. and 4:30  
26               a.m.

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1                   ii.   Resident # 2 and Resident # 3 were awakened by a neighbor  
2                   knocking on their door at approximately 4:00 a.m., saying that they had to  
3                   evacuate immediately. They did so without ever seeing or being notified  
4                   by facility staff.

5                   iii.   Resident # 4's grandson arrived at approximately 4:00 a.m. to  
6                   help his grandfather. His grandfather had already left the facility, but he  
7                   was besieged by questions about what to do and became aware that there  
8                   were many residents in the darkened, smoky building who needed help.  
9                   Resident # 4's grandson ran door-to-door banging on doors to locate and  
10                  awaken residents, assisted them into the building lobby, and started a list  
11                  of resident names. Resident # 4's grandson voluntarily stayed at the  
12                  facility for approximately three hours, actively helping to evacuate  
13                  residents for the full time.

14                  iv.   Emergency responders arrived at approximately 4:15 a.m. and  
15                  joined Resident # 4's grandson in waking and evacuating residents. No  
16                  facility staff were present when emergency responders arrived at the  
17                  facility. Therefore, emergency responders had no staff assistance in  
18                  obtaining resident names, identifying residents who had been  
19                  evacuated, identifying residents who were still in the building, or providing  
20                  a list of evacuated room numbers to ensure that all residents were  
21                  accounted for. They kicked in locked doors throughout the facility and  
22                  alerted sleeping residents. Eventually, busses ordered by emergency  
23                  responders arrived. According to estimates by Santa Rosa Police, "close  
24                  to 100 residents" were evacuated from the facility, including many who  
25                  used walkers and wheelchairs.

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1 v. Resident # 5 voluntarily assisted emergency responders by  
2 showing them where to look for residents in outlying buildings, where  
3 many residents were found asleep.

4 vi. After speaking with her brother by phone, Resident # 4's  
5 granddaughter arrived at the facility at approximately 4:50 a.m. and  
6 helped emergency responders locate and evacuate residents. Resident  
7 # 4's granddaughter voluntarily stayed at the facility for approximately  
8 two hours, helping to evacuate residents.

9 G. The following Varenna residents were never evacuated and  
10 learned the following morning that an evacuation had taken place while they  
11 were asleep:

- 12 i. Resident # 6,  
13 ii. Resident # 7, and  
14 iii. Resident # 8.

15 **SUBJECT MATTER:** ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFICATIONS; CONDUCT INIMICAL

16 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.58(a) and 1569.616  
17 Regulation section 87405(d)(1), (2), and (5) and (h) (4)

18 **ALLEGATIONS:**

19 24. Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** did not demonstrate that he had  
20 knowledge of the requirements for providing appropriate care and supervision to  
21 residents; that he had knowledge of and ability to conform to applicable laws relating to  
22 oversight of the facility; or that he behaved in a manner that demonstrated good  
23 character on October 8-9, 2017, in violation of regulation section 87405(d)(1), (2), and  
24 (5); as described in Paragraph 23, above, and incorporated here by reference.

25 25. Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** failed to train facility staff, as required by  
26 regulation section 87405(h)(4), as described in Paragraph 23, above, and incorporated  
27 here by reference.

1 **SUBJECT MATTER:** FALSE CLAIMS

2 **APPLICABLE LAW:** Health and Safety Code sections 1569.30 and 1569.50  
3 Regulation section 87207

4 **ALLEGATIONS:**

5 26. On or about July 31, 2018, Respondent **LICENSEE** published  
6 information online, available to the public, entitled "The Real Story of Oakmont Senior  
7 Living and the Tubbs Fire," which contains false and misleading statements, in violation  
8 of regulation section 87207. The false or misleading statements contained therein  
9 include, but are not limited to, the following:

10 A. "A total of 7 employees successfully evacuated all residents at  
11 Villa Capri." This is a false and misleading statement; see Paragraph  
12 18(H).

13 B. "This [the evacuation of Villa Capri] was a team effort led by  
14 staff, with help from family members, which we [Oakmont] greatly appreciated.  
15 Staff members, along with family members evacuated the last residents." These  
16 are false and misleading statements; see Paragraph 18(H).

17 27. On or about October 26, 2018, Pooya Ansari, an employee of  
18 Respondent **LICENSEE**, told a Department representative that he had returned to  
19 Varenna with two other staff members in the morning following the fire to ensure that no  
20 residents remained at the facility. He told the Department that the three searched  
21 Varenna and found no remaining residents. He stated that all areas of Varenna had  
22 been evacuated. These statements were false; Pooya Ansari and the two other staff  
23 found at least three residents at the facility in the morning following the fire and  
24 transported those residents from the facility.

25 28. On or about October 26, 2018, Joel Ruiz, an employee of Respondent  
26 **LICENSEE**, told a Department representative that had returned to Varenna with two  
27 other staff members in the morning following the fire to ensure that no residents

1 remained at the facility. He told the Department that he went to every room of Varenna,  
2 including the "casitas," and found no remaining residents. He said all residents had  
3 been evacuated. This statement was false; Joel Ruiz and the two other staff found at  
4 least three residents at the facility in the morning following the fire and transported those  
5 residents from the facility after they were found.

6 SUBJECT MATTER: CONDUCT INIMICAL

7 APPLICABLE LAW: Health and Safety Code sections 1569.50(a) and 1569.58

8 ALLEGATIONS:

9 29. Respondent **LICENSEE**, or its agents/employees, engaged in  
10 conduct that is inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of either an individual in  
11 or receiving services from the facility, or the people of the State of California, as alleged  
12 in Paragraphs 18 through 28, above, and incorporated here by reference.

13 30. Respondent **DEBORAH SMITH** engaged in conduct that is inimical to  
14 the health, morals, welfare, or safety of an individual in or receiving services from the  
15 facility, or the people of the State of California, as described in Paragraphs 18, 19, 20,  
16 and 21, above, and incorporated here by reference.

17 31. Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE** engaged in conduct that is inimical to the  
18 health, morals, welfare, or safety of an individual in or receiving services from the  
19 facility, or the people of the State of California, as described in Paragraphs 23, 24, and  
20 25, above, and incorporated here by reference.

21 CAUSE FOR LICENSE REVOCATION, ORDERS OF EXCLUSION, AND ADMINISTRATOR  
22 DECERTIFICATIONS

23 32. The facts alleged in paragraphs 18 through 28, individually and/or jointly,  
24 provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1569.50(a)-(b) to revoke  
25 Respondents **VARENNA LLC, OAKMONT SENIOR LIVING LLC, and OAKMONT**  
26 **MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC's** license to operate Villa Capri and Varrena.

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1           33. The facts alleged in paragraphs 18 through 28, individually and/or jointly,  
2 constitute conduct by Respondents **VARENNA LLC; OAKMONT SENIOR LIVING LLC,**  
3 **and OAKMONT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC** that is inimical to the health, morals,  
4 welfare, or safety of either an individual in or receiving services from the facility or the  
5 people of the State of California. These facts provide cause, pursuant to Health and  
6 Safety Code section 1569.50(a)(3), to revoke Respondents' license to operate the Villa  
7 Capri and Varenna.

8           34. The facts alleged in paragraphs 18, 19, 20, and 21, individually and/or  
9 jointly, provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section and 1569.58(a)(1)  
10 and (2) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.6(g)(1) to prohibit Respondent  
11 **DEBORAH SMITH** from being a licensee; owning a beneficial ownership interest of 10  
12 percent or more in a licensed facility; or being an administrator, officer, director,  
13 member, or manager of a licensee or entity controlling a licensee; and, further, from  
14 employment in, presence in, and contact with clients of, any facility licensed by the  
15 Department or certified by a licensed foster family agency, or any resource family home,  
16 for the remainder of Respondent's life, as well as to revoke Respondent **DEBORAH**  
17 **SMITH's** administrator certificate.

18           35. The facts alleged in paragraphs 23, 24, and 25, individually and/or  
19 jointly, provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section and 1569.58(a)(1)  
20 and (2) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.6(g)(1) to prohibit Respondent  
21 **NATHAN CONDIE** from being a licensee; owning a beneficial ownership interest of 10  
22 percent or more in a licensed facility; or being an administrator, officer, director,  
23 member, or manager of a licensee or entity controlling a licensee; and, further, from  
24 employment in, presence in, and contact with clients of, any facility licensed by the  
25 Department or certified by a licensed foster family agency, or any resource family home,  
26 for the remainder of Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE's** life, as well as to revoke  
27 Respondent **NATHAN CONDIE's** administrator certificate.

**PETITION FOR RELIEF**

36. WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that Respondents VARENNA LLC, OAKMONT SENIOR LIVING LLC, and OAKMONT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC's license to operate the facility be revoked.

37. WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that Respondent DEBORAH SMITH be prohibited for the remainder of her life from being a licensee; owning a beneficial ownership interest of 10 percent or more in a licensed facility; or being an administrator, officer, director, member, or manager of a licensee or entity controlling a licensee; and, further, from employment in, presence in, and from contact with clients of, any facility licensed by the Department or certified by a licensed foster family agency, or any resource family home<sup>2</sup> and that her administrator certificate be revoked.

38. WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that Respondent NATHAN CONDIE be prohibited for the remainder of his life from being a licensee; owning a beneficial ownership interest of 10 percent or more in a licensed facility; or being an administrator, officer, director, member, or manager of a licensee or entity controlling a licensee; and, further, from employment in, presence in, and from contact with clients of, any facility licensed by the Department or certified by a licensed foster family agency, or any resource family home<sup>3</sup> and that his administrator certificate be revoked.

DATED: SEP 04 2018

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<sup>2</sup> If an exclusion is granted, Government Code section 11522 allows for a petition to the Department after one year, and annually thereafter, for a reduction in penalty.

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# **EXHIBIT 2**

**Assembly Bill No. 3098**

**CHAPTER 348**

An act to amend Section 1569.695 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to residential care facilities for the elderly.

[Approved by Governor September 11, 2018. Filed with  
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

**AB 3098, Friedman. Residential care facilities for the elderly: emergency and disaster plans.**

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of residential care facilities for the elderly by the State Department of Social Services. Existing law requires a facility to have an emergency plan that includes specified provisions and is available, upon request, to residents onsite and available to local emergency responders. Existing law exempts a facility that has obtained a certificate of authority to offer continuing care contracts from this requirement. A violation of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

This bill would repeal the above-described provision exempting a facility that has obtained a certificate of authority to offer continuing care contracts from the requirement of having an emergency plan. The bill would require the emergency and disaster plan to include additional elements, including a contact information list and at least 2 shelter locations for housing residents during an evacuation. The bill would require a facility to provide training on the emergency and disaster plan to each staff member upon hire and annually thereafter. The bill would also require a facility to review and make updates to the emergency and disaster plan annually, as specified, and to conduct a drill for various emergency situations at least once quarterly for each shift. The bill would require the facility to make the emergency and disaster plan available, upon request, to any responsible party for a resident and the local long-term care ombudsman, and would require an applicant seeking a license for a new facility to submit the emergency and disaster plan with the initial license application. The bill would require the department's Community Care Licensing Division to confirm, during annual visits, that the emergency and disaster plan is on file at the facility and includes required content and would encourage the facility to have the plan reviewed by local emergency authorities. Because a violation of these provisions would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.



This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1569.695 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1569.695. (a) In addition to any other requirement of this chapter, a residential care facility for the elderly shall have an emergency and disaster plan that shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Evacuation procedures, including identification of an assembly point or points that shall be included in the facility sketch.

(2) Plans for the facility to be self-reliant for a period of not less than 72 hours immediately following any emergency or disaster, including, but not limited to, a short-term or long-term power failure. If the facility plans to shelter in place and one or more utilities, including water, sewer, gas, or electricity, is not available, the facility shall have a plan and supplies available to provide alternative resources during an outage.

(3) Transportation needs and evacuation procedures to ensure that the facility can communicate with emergency response personnel or can access the information necessary in order to check the emergency routes to be used at the time of an evacuation and relocation necessitated by a disaster. If the transportation plan includes the use of a vehicle owned or operated by the facility, the keys to the vehicle shall be available to staff on all shifts.

(4) A contact information list of all of the following:

(A) Emergency response personnel.

(B) The Community Care Licensing Division within the State Department of Social Services.

(C) The local long-term care ombudsman.

(D) Transportation providers.

(5) At least two appropriate shelter locations that can house facility residents during an evacuation. One of the locations shall be outside of the immediate area.

(6) The location of utility shut-off valves and instructions for use.

(7) Procedures that address, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Provision of emergency power that could include identification of suppliers of backup generators. If a permanently installed generator is used, the plan shall include its location and a description of how it will be used. If a portable generator is used, the manufacturer's operating instructions shall be followed.

(B) Responding to an individual resident's needs if the emergency call buttons are inoperable.

(C) Process for communicating with residents, families, hospice providers, and others, as appropriate, that might include landline telephones, cellular telephones, or walkie-talkies. A backup process shall also be established.

Residents and their responsible parties shall be informed of the process for communicating during an emergency.

(D) Assistance with, and administration of, medications.

(E) Storage and preservation of medications, including the storage of medications that require refrigeration.

(F) The operation of assistive medical devices that need electric power for their operation, including, but not limited to, oxygen equipment and wheelchairs.

(G) A process for identifying residents with special needs, such as hospice, and a plan for meeting those needs.

(H) Procedures for confirming the location of each resident during an emergency response.

(b) A facility shall provide training on the plan to each staff member upon hire and annually thereafter. The training shall include staff responsibilities during an emergency or disaster.

(c) A facility shall conduct a drill at least quarterly for each shift. The type of emergency covered in a drill shall vary from quarter to quarter, taking into account different emergency scenarios. An actual evacuation of residents is not required during a drill. While a facility may provide an opportunity for residents to participate in a drill, it shall not require any resident participation. Documentation of the drills shall include the date, the type of emergency covered by the drill, and the names of staff participating in the drill.

(d) A facility shall review the plan annually and make updates as necessary, including changes in floor plans and the population served. The licensee or administrator shall sign and date documentation to indicate that the plan has been reviewed and updated as necessary.

(e) A facility shall have all of the following information readily available to facility staff during an emergency:

(1) A resident roster with the date of birth for each resident.

(2) An appraisal of resident needs and services plan for each resident.

(3) A resident medication list for residents with centrally stored medications.

(4) Contact information for the responsible party and physician for each resident.

(f) A facility shall have both of the following in place:

(1) An evacuation chair at each stairwell, on or before July 1, 2019.

(2) A set of keys available to facility staff on each shift for use during an evacuation that provides access to all of the following:

(A) All occupied resident units.

(B) All facility vehicles.

(C) All facility exit doors.

(D) All facility cabinets and cupboards or files that contain elements of the emergency and disaster plan, including, but not limited to, food supplies and protective shelter supplies.

(g) A facility shall make the plan available upon request to residents onsite, any responsible party for a resident, the local long-term care

ombudsman, and local emergency responders. Resident and employee information shall be kept confidential.

(h) An applicant seeking a license for a new facility shall submit the emergency and disaster plan with the initial license application required under Section 1569.15.

(i) The department's Community Care Licensing Division shall confirm, during annual licensing visits, that the emergency and disaster plan is on file at the facility and includes required content.

(j) A facility is encouraged to have the emergency and disaster plan reviewed by local emergency authorities.

(k) Nothing in this section shall create a new or additional requirement for the department to evaluate the emergency and disaster plan.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.