

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of)	
Sammy Sims, an institution-affiliated party of)	
Eastern International Bank)	ORDER OF PROHIBITION FROM
Los Angeles, California)	FURTHER PARTICIPATION
(Insured State Nonmember Bank))	FDIC-23-0104e
Respondent's NMLS UI# N/A)	
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Sammy Sims (Respondent) and Respondent's counsel were advised of the right to receive a Notice of Intention to Prohibit from Further Participation (Notice) detailing Respondent's unsafe or unsound banking practices and breaches of fiduciary duties for which an Order of Prohibition from Further Participation (Prohibition Order) may be issued under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e).

Respondent was further advised of the right to a hearing on the Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e) and 12 C.F.R. Part 308, subparts A & B. Respondent waived certain rights under those provisions on March 22, 2024, and consented to the issuance of the Prohibition Order by entering into a Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of an Order of Prohibition from Further Participation (Consent Agreement) with a representative of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) Legal Division.

The FDIC determined and Respondent neither admits nor denies the following:

1. While serving as Chief Financial Officer of Eastern International Bank, Los

Angeles, California (Bank), Respondent misappropriated Bank funds for his personal use and benefit between April 2019 and February 2021. Between February 2020 and April 2021, Respondent used Bank funds to purchase life insurance policies for Bank employees without the knowledge or consent of employees, and for which Respondent's wife received compensation as the insurance broker.

2. As described in paragraph 1, Respondent engaged or participated in unsafe or unsound practices in connection with the Bank and breached fiduciary duties owed to the Bank.

3. Respondent's practices and breaches caused the Bank to suffer financial loss, and Respondent received financial gain.

4. Respondent's practices and breaches involved personal dishonesty and demonstrated Respondent's willful and continuing disregard for the safety or soundness of the Bank.

The FDIC accepts the Consent Agreement and issues the following:

ORDER OF PROHIBITION FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION

5. Sammy Sims is prohibited from:
- a. participating in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any financial institution or organization listed in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A);
 - b. soliciting, procuring, transferring, attempting to transfer, voting, or attempting to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights in any financial institution enumerated in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A);
 - c. violating any voting agreement previously approved by the appropriate Federal banking agency; and
 - d. voting for a director or serving or acting as an institution-affiliated party.

6. The Prohibition Order is effective upon issuance and will remain effective and enforceable until the FDIC, and any “appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory agency,” defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(D), decide in writing to modify, terminate, suspend, or set aside the Order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(B).

7. The Prohibition Order is enforceable under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), and any violation of the Prohibition Order may result in additional penalties under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(j).

8. The Prohibition Order does not waive any right, power, or authority of the United States; federal, state, or local agencies; or the FDIC as Receiver.

Issued under delegated authority.

Dated: August 27, 2024.

/s/

Patricia A. Colohan
Associate Director
Division of Risk Management Supervision