

BEFORE THE
REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS
CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**LOUIS LEONARD CUEVAS,
DBA PRIDE HOMES**
14603 Norwalk Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

Contractor's License No. 655057, B

Respondent.

CASE NO. N2021-202

**ORDER TO ADOPT
DEFAULT DECISION**

[Gov. Code, § 11520]

The attached Default Decision is hereby adopted by the Registrar of Contractors as his Decision in the above-entitled matter.

Contractor's License Number **655057** issued to **LOUIS LEONARD CUEVAS DBA PRIDE HOMES** is revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 7102 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 870 of the Code of Regulations, title 16, Respondent **LOUIS LEONARD CUEVAS DBA PRIDE HOMES** Contractor's License No **655057**, shall not apply for reissuance or reinstatement of said license for five year(s) from the effective date of this Decision.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on May 6, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED April 6, 2022.



David Fogt
Registrar of Contractors

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about February 2, 2022, Accusation No. N2021-202 was filed against Louis Leonard Cuevas, dba Pride Homes (Respondent) before the Registrar of Contractors (Registrar) for the Contractors' State License Board (Board). (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about September 25, 1992, the Registrar issued Contractor's License No. 655057 to Respondent. The Contractor's License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. N2021-202 and will expire on July 31, 2022, unless renewed.

1 3. On or about February 3, 2022, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class
2 Mail copies of the Accusation No. N2021-202, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense,
3 Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6,
4 and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions
5 Code section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's
6 address of record was and is: 14603 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

7 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
8 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.

9 5. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

10 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
11 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
12 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense
13 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
14 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

15 6. The Registrar takes official notice of the Board's records and the fact that Respondent
16 failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and
17 therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. N2021-202.

18 7. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

19 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at
20 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
21 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
22 any notice to respondent. . . .

23 8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Registrar finds
24 Respondent is in default. The Registrar will take action without further hearing and, based on the
25 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,
26 as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained
27 therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No.
28 N2021-202, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. N2021-202, are separately
and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

29 9. The Registrar finds that the actual costs for investigation and prosecution are
30 \$4,775.88 as of March 14, 2022.

10. The Registrar finds that the loss to D.N. caused by the acts or omissions of Respondent is \$24,072.21.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Louis Leonard Cuevas, dba Pride Homes has subjected his Contractor's License No. 655057 to discipline.

2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

3. The Registrar of Contractors is authorized to revoke Respondent's contractor's license based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

a. Business and Professions Code section 7114, subdivision (a) – Aiding and Abetting or Allowing License to be Used by Unlicensed Contractor.

4. Pursuant to its authority under California Government Code section 11520, and based on the relevant evidence before it contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet, the Registrar hereby finds by clear and convincing evidence that Louis Leonard Cuevas had knowledge of or participated in the prohibited act(s) or omission(s) that warranted the filing of Accusation No. N2021-202.

5. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 7121, if License No. 655057, issued to Respondent Louis Leonard Cuevas, dba Pride Homes is revoked or suspended, Louis Leonard Cuevas shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, manager, qualifying individual, or member for the personnel of record of a licensee.

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Attachment:
Exhibit A: Accusation