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**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**LA SMOG CHECK, CESAR AUGUSTO  
LARIOS, OWNER  
2307 Whittier Blvd Unit C  
Los Angeles, CA 90023**

**Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.  
ARD 306077  
Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License No.  
TC 306077**

**and**

**HERNAN MOLINA LOPEZ  
5134 Ithaca Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90032**

**Mailing Address:  
6046 Romaine St Apt 3  
Los Angeles, CA 90038**

**Smog Check Inspector License No. EO  
640564**

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-13743  
**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**  
[Gov. Code, §11520]

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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2           1.     On or about October 29, 2025, Complainant Patrick Dorais, in his official capacity as  
3 the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation  
4 No. 79/25-13743 against Cesar Augusto Larios, dba LA Smog Check and Hernan Molina Lopez  
5 (Respondents) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached  
6 as Exhibit A.)

7           2.     On or about June 14, 2023, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau) issued  
8 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 306077 to Respondent Cesar Augusto Larios,  
9 dba LA Smog Check. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at  
10 all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/25-13743 and will expire on June  
11 30, 2026, unless renewed.

12           3.     On or about August 17, 2023, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test-Only, Station  
13 License No. TC 306077 to Respondent Cesar Augusto Larios, dba LA Smog Check. The Smog  
14 Check, Test-Only, Station License expired on June 30, 2025, and has not been renewed.

15           4.     On or about September 8, 2017, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License  
16 Number EO 640564 to Hernan Molina Lopez. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full  
17 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/25-13743 but  
18 expired on April 30, 2025, and has not been renewed.

19           5.     On or about October 31, 2025, Respondent was served by Certified and First-Class  
20 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 79/25-13743, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense,  
21 Request for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
22 11507.7) at Respondents' addresses of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
23 section 136, are required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondents' addresses  
24 of record were and are: LA Smog Check, Cesar Augusto Larios, Owner, 2307 Whittier Blvd Unit  
25 C, Los Angeles, CA 90023 and Hernan Molina Lopez, 5134 Ithaca Ave Los Angeles, CA 90032,  
26 Mailing Address: 6046 Romaine St Apt 3, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

27           6.     Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
28 Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.



1           Respondent Cesar Augusto Larios, dba LA Smog Check

- 2           a.     Untrue or Misleading Statements – Business and Professions Code section  
3 9884.7(a)(1);
- 4           b.     Fraud – Business and Professions Code section 9884.7(a)(4);
- 5           c.     Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act - Business and Professions Code  
6 section 9884.7(a)(6);
- 7           d.     Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program - Health and Safety Code section  
8 44072.2 (a), in conjunction with sections 44012, 44015(b), and 44059;
- 9           e.     Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection  
10 Program – Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(c), in conjunction with California Code  
11 of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.24(c), 3340.35(c), 3340.41(c), 3340.42, and 3373;
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13 conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10(c);

14           Respondent Hernan Molina Lopez

- 15          g.     Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program - Health and Safety Code section  
16 44072.2(a), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code sections 44012(a); 44012(f), 44032, and  
17 44059;
- 18          h.     Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection  
19 Program - Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(c), in conjunction with California Code  
20 of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.24(c), 3340.30(a), 3340.41(c), and 3340.42; and
- 21          i.     Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit - Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(d), in  
22 conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10(c).

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1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS SO ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 306077 and  
3 Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 306077, issued to Respondent Cesar  
4 Augusto Larios, dba LA Smog Check, are revoked.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 640564 issued to  
6 Respondent Hernan Molina Lopez, is revoked.

7 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a  
8 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within  
9 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The motion should be sent to the  
10 Bureau of Automotive Repair, ATTN: Patrick Lutfi, 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho  
11 Cordova, CA 95670. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on  
12 a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

13 This Decision shall become effective on February 26, 2026.

14 It is so ORDERED February 12, 2026

15 *Signed copy on file*

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17 GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ  
18 Assistant Deputy Director  
19 Division of Legal Affairs  
20 Department of Consumer Affairs

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23 Attachment:  
24 Exhibit A: Accusation