

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

NORMA CRUZ dba EL CAPULIN SMOG

10700 Atlantic Avenue

Lynwood, CA 90262

Mailing Address:

8811 Compton Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90001

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 303694

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 303694

NORMA CRUZ

10000 Imperial Hwy B210

Downey, CA 90242

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 644903

EZEQUIEL M. VALENCIA-DURAN

6845 Bothwell Road

Reseda, CA 91335

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 643368

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YULIANA NAYELY BARRERA MUNOZ

6514 Cottage Street, Apt. B

Huntington Park, CA 90255

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 643814

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-5032

OAH No. 2025070777

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Ezequiel M. Valencia-Duran only is hereby accepted and adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 30, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 18, 2026.

Signature on File

GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ

Assistant Deputy Director

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STIPULATED REVOCATION OF
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[EO 643368]

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Respondents.

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the respondent Ezequiel
2 M. Valencia-Duran, party to the above-entitled proceedings, that the following matters are true:

3 **PARTIES**

4 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
5 (Bureau). Complainant brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
6 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Blaine A. Noblett, Deputy
7 Attorney General .

8 2. Ezequiel M. Valencia-Duran (respondent Valencia-Duran) is represented in this
9 proceeding by attorney Sarkis V. Paronyan.

10 3. On or about October 28, 2021, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check
11 Inspector License Number EO 643368 to respondent Valencia-Duran. The Smog Check Inspector
12 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
13 expire on March 31, 2026, unless renewed.

14 **JURISDICTION**

15 4. Accusation No. 79/25-5032 was filed before the (Director), and is currently pending
16 against respondent Valencia-Duran. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents
17 were properly served on respondent Valencia-Duran on June 18, 2025. Respondent Valencia-
18 Duran timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No.
19 79/25-5032 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

20 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

21 5. Respondent Valencia-Duran has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and
22 understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/25-5032. Respondent Valencia-
23 Duran has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this
24 Stipulated Revocation of License and Order.

25 6. Respondent Valencia-Duran is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including
26 the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and
27 cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own
28 behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the

1 production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;
2 and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable
3 laws.

4 7. Respondent Valencia-Duran voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and
5 gives up each and every right set forth above.

6 **CULPABILITY**

7 8. Respondent Valencia-Duran understands and agrees that the charges and allegations
8 in Accusation No. 79/25-5032, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline
9 upon his Smog Check Inspector License.

10 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
11 further proceedings, respondent Valencia-Duran agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could
12 establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause
13 for discipline. Respondent Valencia-Duran hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for
14 discipline exists based on those charges.

15 10. Respondent Valencia-Duran understands that by signing this stipulation he enables
16 the Director to issue his order revoking his Smog Check Inspector License without further
17 process.

18 **RESERVATION**

19 11. The admissions made by respondent Valencia-Duran herein is only for the purposes
20 of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Director of the Department of
21 Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair or other professional licensing agency is
22 involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

23 **CONTINGENCY**

24 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's
25 designee. Respondent Valencia-Duran understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and
26 the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and
27 staff regarding this stipulation and revocation, without notice to or participation by respondent
28 Valencia-Duran or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, respondent Valencia-Duran

1 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation
2 prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this
3 stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order shall be
4 of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action
5 between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having
6 considered this matter.

7 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
8 copies of this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile
9 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

10 14. This Stipulated Revocation of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an
11 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
12 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
13 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Revocation of License and
14 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
15 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

16 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
17 the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
18 Order:

19 **ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 643368 issued to
21 respondent Ezequiel M. Valencia-Duran is revoked by the Bureau.

22 1. The revocation of respondent's Smog Check Inspector License shall constitute the
23 imposition of discipline against respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline
24 and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Bureau.

25 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Smog Check Technician in
26 California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

27 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Bureau his pocket license and, if one
28 was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

4. If respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Bureau shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petitions is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 79/25-5032 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by respondent when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.

5. Respondent shall pay the agency the costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$3,748.20 prior to submitting an application for a new license.

6. If respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 79/25-5032 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

7. Respondent shall not apply for licensure for one (1) year from the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Revocation of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: January 14, 2026

Signed copy on File

EZEQUIEL M. VALENCIA-DURAN
Respondent

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1 I have read and fully discussed with respondent Ezequiel M. Valencia-Duran the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order. I
3 approve its form and content.

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5 DATED: January 15, 2026

Signed copy on File

6 SARKIS V. PARONYAN
7 Attorney for Respondent Ezequiel M.
8 Valencia-Duran

9 **ENDORSEMENT**

10 The foregoing Stipulated Revocation of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
11 for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

12 DATED: January 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

13 ROB BONTA
14 Attorney General of California
15 SHAWN P. COOK
16 Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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