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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:

**SALVADOR RAFAEL DIAZ-OWNER  
DBA LA BREA SMOG CHECK  
4545 W Washington Blvd. Unit C  
Los Angeles, CA 90016  
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.  
ARD 292117  
Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No.  
TC 292117**

**and**

**JESUS OMAR MARTINEZ  
16600 Orange Avenue 115  
Paramount, CA 90723  
Smog Check Inspector No.  
EO 645367**

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-7851

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about November 24, 2025, Complainant Patrick Dorais (“Complainant”), in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (“Bureau”), Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 79/25-7851 against Salvador Rafael Diaz-Owner dba La Brea Smog Check (“Respondent La Brea Smog”) and Jesus Omar Martinez (“Respondent

1 Martinez”) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached as  
2 Exhibit A.)

3 **Salvador Rafael Diaz-Owner dba La Brea Smog Check**

4 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration**

5 2. On or about September 21, 2018, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer  
6 Registration Number ARD 292117 to Respondent La Brea Smog. The Automotive Repair Dealer  
7 Registration was due to expire on September 30, 2025, however, it was cancelled on or about  
8 May 12, 2025.

9 **Smog Check, Test Only, Station License**

10 3. On or about October 12, 2018, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test-Only Station  
11 License Number TC 292117 to Respondent La Brea Smog. The Smog Check, Test-Only Station  
12 License was due to expire on September 30, 2025, however, it was cancelled on or about May 12,  
13 2025.

14 **STAR Station Certification**

15 4. On or about May 5, 2022, the Bureau certified La Brea Smog Check as a STAR  
16 Station. The certification was terminated on May 12, 2025.

17 **Jesus Omar Martinez**

18 **Smog Check Inspector License**

19 5. On or about December 9, 2024, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License  
20 Number EO 645367 to Respondent Martinez. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full  
21 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/25-7851 and  
22 will expire on August 31, 2026, unless renewed.

23 6. On or about November 26, 2025, Respondent La Brea Smog was served by Certified  
24 Mail copies of the Statement to Respondent, Accusation No. 79/25-7851, Notice of Defense,  
25 Request for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
26 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
27 section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondent's address of  
28 record was and is: 4545 W. Washington Blvd., Unit C, Los Angeles, CA 90016.

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

3           8.     On or about November 26, 2025, Respondent Martinez was served by Certified Mail  
4 copies of the Statement to Respondent, Accusation No. 79/25-7851, Notice of Defense, Request  
5 for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
6 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
7 section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondent's address of  
8 record was and is: 16600 Orange Avenue 115, Paramount, CA 90723

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

11          10.    Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

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

17          11.    The Bureau takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondents La Brea  
18 Smog and Martinez failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon them of  
19 the Accusation, and therefore waived its right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 79/25-  
20 7851.

21          12.    California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

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

26          13.    Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director, after  
27 having reviewed the proof of service dated November 26, 2025, signed by S. Atwood-Bell, finds  
28 Respondents La Brea Smog and Martinez are in default. The Director will take action without  
further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision  
Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation

1 No. 79/25-7851 are separately, and severally found to be true and correct by clear and convincing  
2 evidence.

3 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

4 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondents La Brea Smog and Martinez  
5 have subjected their Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 292117, Smog Check,  
6 Test-Only Station, License Number TC 292117, and Smog Check Inspector License Number EO  
7 645367 to discipline.

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

9 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke  
10 Respondents La Brea Smog and Martinez's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check,  
11 Test-Only Station, License, and Smog Check Inspector License based upon the following  
12 violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the  
13 Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

14 a. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1) and California  
15 Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3373 (Untrue or Misleading Statements).

16 b. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4) (Fraud).

17 c. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6) (Material Violation  
18 of Automotive Repair Act).

19 d. Health and Safety Code sections 44072.2, subdivision (a), 44012, 44015, subdivision  
20 (b), and 44059 (Failure to Comply with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program).

21 e. Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), California Code of  
22 Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.24, subdivision (c), 3340.35, subdivision (c),  
23 3340.41, subdivision (c), and 3340.42 (Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant  
24 to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program).

25 f. Health and Safety Code sections 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with  
26 44072.10, subdivision (c) (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit).

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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 292117 and Smog Check, Test-Only Station, License Number TC 292117, issued to Respondent Salvador Rafael Diaz-Owner dba La Brea Smog Check (“Respondent La Brea Smog”), are revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 645367, issued to Respondent Jesus Omar Martinez (“Respondent Martinez”), is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondents La Brea Smog and Martinez 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 Respondents. The motion should be sent to the Bureau of Automotive Repair, ATTN: Patrick Lutfi, 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. 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 February 24, 2026.

It is so ORDERED Feb. 10, 2026



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GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ  
Assistant Deputy Director  
Division of Legal Affairs  
Department of Consumer Affairs

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Attachment:  
Exhibit A: Accusation