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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

RAFI AUTOTECH

AARON BENOR, Owner 3817 Sepulveda Blvd. #F Culver City, CA 90230 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249 Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249 Brake Station License No. BS 154249 Lamp Station License No. LS 154249

AARON BENOR, a.k.a. RAFI RENE, a.k.a. RONNY MASON, a.k.a. RONY BENOR

3817 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 313483 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 313483 Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483

Respondents.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License and Order are hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective $\sqrt{\frac{12^{\frac{72}{2}}}{2017}}$

DATED: 1012 3,2017

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RYAN MARCROFT Assistant Chief Counsel Division of Legal Affairs Department of Consumer Affairs

Case No. 79/16-106

OAH No. 2016071022

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/16-106	
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14	3817 Sepulveda Blvd. #F Culver City, CA 90230	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT RAFI AUTOTECH	
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249	ONLY	
16	Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249 Brake Station License No. BS 154249	AND	
17	Lamp Station License No. LS 154249	STIPULATED REVOCATION OF	
[AARON BENOR, a.k.a. RAFI RENE, a.k.a.	LICENSE AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT AARON BENOR <u>ONLY</u>	
18	RONNY MASON, a.k.a. RONY BENOR 3817 Sepulveda Blvd.		
19	Culver Ĉity, CA 90230 Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483		
20	Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483		
21	Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483		
22	Respondents.		
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1	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGI	REED by and between the parties to the above-	
25	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
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Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No. 79/16-106)

PARTIES

 Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Heather Vo, Deputy Attorney General.

Respondents Rafi Autotech and Aaron Benor (Respondents) are represented in this proceeding by attorney Joel A. Spivak, Esq., whose address is: 3685 Motor Avenue Suite 220, Los Angeles, California 90034.

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LICENSE INFORMATION

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RAFI AUTOTECH

3. On or about June 15, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 154249 to Rafi Autotech; Aaron Benor, Owner (Respondent Rafi Autotech). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.

4. On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check
Station License Number RC 154249 to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Smog Check Station
License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.

5. On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Station
 License No. LS 154249, class A, to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Lamp Station License was in
 full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30,
 2017, unless renewed.

On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Station
 License No. BS 154249, class A, to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Brake Station License was
 in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June
 30, 2017, unless renewed.

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Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No. 79/16-106)

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7. In 1996, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 313483 to Aaron Benor, a.k.a. Rafi Rene, a.k.a. Ronny Mason, a.k.a. Rony Benor (Respondent Benor). The Advanced Emission Specialist was cancelled on August 29, 2012. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28 (e), Respondent's license was redesignated as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 313483 and Smog Check 6 Repair Technician License No. EI 313483, effective August 29, 2012. The Smog Check 7 Inspector License and the Smog Check Repair Technician License was in full force and effect at 8 all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2018, unless 9 renewed. 10

8. In 2006, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Adjuster License No. BA 11 313483, class A, to Respondent Benor. The Brake Adjuster License was in full force and effect 12 at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2017, unless 13 renewed. 14

In 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 9. 15 313483, class A, to Respondent Benor. The Lamp Adjuster License was in full force and effect at 16 all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on December 31, 2019, unless 17 renewed. 18

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JURISDICTION

Accusation No. 79/16-106 was filed before the Director and is currently pending 10. 20 against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly 21 served on Respondents on May 5, 2016. Respondents timely filed the Notice of Defense 22 23 contesting the Accusation.

11. A copy of Accusation No. 79/16-106 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein 24 by reference. 25

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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

12. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the 27 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/16-106. Respondents have also carefully read, fully 28

Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No. 79/16-106) discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License and Order.

13. Respondents are fully aware of the legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

14. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and 9 every right set forth above. 10

CULPABILITY

Respondents Rafi Autotech and Aaron Benor admit the truth of each and every 15. 12 charge and allegation in Accusation No. 79/16-106.

16. Respondent Rafi Autotech, Aaron Benor as owner agrees that his Automotive Repair 14 Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249, Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249, Brake 15 Station License No. BS 154249, and Lamp Station License No. LS 154249 are subject to 16 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the 17 18 Disciplinary Order below.

Respondent Aaron Benor agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby agrees to a 17. 19 revocation of his Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483, Smog Check Inspector No. EO 20 313483, Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, and Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483 for 21 the Bureau's formal acceptance. 22

18. Respondent Benor understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Director 23 to issue an order accepting the revocation of his Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483, 24 Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483, Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, and Lamp 25 26 Adjuster License No. LA 313483 without further process.

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CONTINGENCY

19. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw this agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and the Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall 11. not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter. 12

20. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile 13 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License 14 and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as 15 the originals. 16

21. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and the Stipulated Revocation of 17 License and Order are intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the 18 complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or 19 contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments 20 (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and the Stipulated 21 Revocation of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or .22 otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the 23 24 parties.

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Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No, 79/16-106) 22. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree thatthe Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the followingDisciplinary Order:

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT RAFI AUTOTECH - ONLY

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Rafi Autotech, Aaron Benor as owner agrees that his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249, Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249, Brake Station License No. BS 154249, and Lamp Station License No. LS 154249 is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Rafi Autotech is placed on probation for two (2) years on the following terms and conditions.

11 1. Obey All Laws. Comply with all statutes, regulations and rules governing
 automotive inspections, estimates and repairs.

Post Sign. Post a prominent sign, provided by the Bureau, indicating the beginning
 and ending dates of the suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign shall be
 conspicuously displayed in a location open to and frequented by customers and shall remain
 posted during the entire period of actual suspension.

Reporting. Respondent Rafi Autotech or Respondent Rafi Autotech's authorized
 representative must report in person or in writing as prescribed by the Bureau of Automotive
 Repair, on a schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than each quarter, on the methods
 used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.

4. Report Financial Interest. Within 30 days of the effective date of this action, report
 any financial interest which any partners, officers, or owners of the Respondent Rafi Autotech
 facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the
 Business and Professions Code.

25 5. Random Inspections. Provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to inspect
26 all vehicles (including parts) undergoing repairs, up to and including the point of completion.

27 6. Jurisdiction. If an accusation is filed against Respondent Rafi Autotech during the
28 term of probation, the Director of Consumer Affairs shall have continuing jurisdiction over this

matter until the final decision on the accusation, and the period of probation shall be extended until such decision.

7. Violation of Probation. Should the Director of Consumer Affairs determine that Respondent Rafi Autotech has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, the Department may, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard suspend or revoke the license.

8. False and Misleading Advertising. If the accusation involves false and misleading advertising, during the period of probation, Respondent Rafi Autotech shall submit any proposed advertising copy, whether revised or new, to the Bureau at least thirty (30) days prior to its use.

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9. Cost Recovery. Payment in the amount of eleven thousand one hundred eighteen
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10 dollars and sixty-two cents (\$11,118.62) to the Bureau for cost recovery shall be received no later
11 than 6 months before probation terminates. Failure to complete payment of cost recovery within
12 this time frame shall constitute a violation of probation which may subject Respondent Rafi
13 Autotech's registration and licenses to outright revocation; however, the Director or the
14 Director's Bureau of Automotive Repair designee may elect to continue probation until such time
15 as reimbursement of the entire cost recovery amount has been made to the Bureau.

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STIPULATED REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT AARON BENOR - ONLY

18 10. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483,
19 Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483, Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, and Lamp
20 Adjuster License No. LA 313483 issued to Respondent Aaron Benor is revoked and accepted by
21 the Director of Consumer Affairs.

11. The revocation of Respondent Benor's Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI
313483, Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483, Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, and
Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249
and the acceptance of the revoked license by the Bureau shall constitute the imposition of
discipline against Respondent Benor. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and
shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Bureau of Automotive Repair.

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12. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a smog check repair technician, smog check inspector, brake adjuster license, and lamp adjuster license in California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

13. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Bureau his smog check repair technician license, smog check inspector license, brake adjuster license, and lamp adjuster license and, if one was issued, his wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

8 14. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
9 the State of California, the Bureau shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent
10 must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license
11 in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in
12 Accusation No. 79/16-106 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when
13 the Director determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Respondent Rafi Autotech, have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and
Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Joel A. Spivak, Esq. I
understand the stipulated settlement and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer
Registration No. ARD 154249, Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249, Brake Station
License No. BS 154249, and Lamp Station License No. LS 154249.

Moreover, I, Aaron Benor, understand the stipulated revocation and the effect it will have on my Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483, Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483, Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, and Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483.

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Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No. 79/16-106) We enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of Consumer Affairs.

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DATED:

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AARON BENOR, Owner Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 154249 Smog Check Station License No. RC 154249 Brake Station License No. BS 154249 Lamp Station License No. LS 154249 *Respondent*

AARON BENOR, aka RAFI RENE, aka RONNY MASON, aka RONY BENOR Smog Check Repair Technician No. EI 313483 Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483 Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 313483 Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Rafi Autotech and Aaron Benor the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

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Attorney for Respondents

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and Stipulated Revocation of License and Order are hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: December 15,2016

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LA2015501939 52323393 3.doc Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California THOMAS L. RINALDI Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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HEATHER VO Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Autotech AND Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order as to Rafi Aaron Benor (Case No, 79/16-106)

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 79/16-106

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24	Complainant alleges:		
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26	PARTIES	-	
27	1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
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		the Accusation Against Rafi Autotech: Aaron Benor	

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LICENSE INFORMATION

RAFI AUTOTECH

2. On or about June 15, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 154249 to Rafi Autotech; Aaron Benor, Owner (Respondent Rafi Autotech). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.

3. On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check
Station License Number RC 154249 to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Smog Check Station
License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
expire on June 30, 2016, unless renewed.

4. On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Station
 License No. LS 154249, class A, to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Lamp Station License was in
 full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30,
 2016, unless renewed.

5. On or about July 10, 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Station
License No. BS 154249, class A, to Respondent Rafi Autotech. The Brake Station License was
in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June
30, 2016, unless renewed.

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AARON BENOR

In 1996, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Advanced Emission Specialist
 Technician License No. EA 313483 to Aaron Benor, a.k.a. Rafi Rene, a.k.a. Ronny Mason, a.k.a.
 Rony Benor (Respondent Benor). The Advanced Emission Specialist was cancelled on August
 29, 2012. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28 (e), Respondent's
 license was redesignated as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 313483 and Smog Check
 Repair Technician License No. EI 313483, effective August 29, 2012. The Smog Check
 Inspector License and the Smog Check Repair Technician License was in full force and effect at

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all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2016, unless renewed.

7. In 2006, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Adjuster License No. BA
313483, class A, to Respondent Benor. The Brake Adjuster License was in full force and effect
at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2017, unless
renewed.

8. In 1990, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Adjuster License No. LA
313483, class A, to Respondent Benor. The Lamp Adjuster License was in full force and effect at
all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on December 31, 2014, and has not
been renewed.

JURISDICTION

9. This Accusation is brought before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws.

10. Section 9884.13 of the Business and Professions Code provides, in pertinent part, that
the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the director or chief of jurisdiction to
proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision
invalidating a registration temporarily or permanently.

18 11. Section 44002 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the
19 Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing
20 the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

12. Section 44072.6 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the
expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director
of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive
the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.

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PERTINENT STATUTES & REGULATIONS Section 123 of the Business and Professions Code states, in pertinent part: 13. "It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to: "(b) Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination; copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee; having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other 10 than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession 11 during the examination; or impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the 12 licensing examination on one's behalf " 13 Section 9884.7 of the Business and Professions Code states, in pertinent part: 14. 14 "(a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide 15 error, may deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of an automotive repair 16 dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the 17 automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive 18 technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer. 19 20 "(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud." 21 22 Section 9889.3 of the Business and Professions Code states, in pertinent part: 15. 23"The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as 24 provided in this article if the licensee or any partner, officer, or director thereof: 25 "(a) Violates any section of the Business and Professions Code that relates to his or her 26 licensed activities. 27 28

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1	"(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured."		
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3	16. Section 9889.9 of the Business and Professions Code states:		
4	"When any license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under the provisions		
5	of this article, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of this chapter in the name of		
6	the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director."		
7	17. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:		
8	"The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as		
9	provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the		
10	following:		
11	"(a) Violates any section of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, which		
12	related to the licensed activities.		
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14	"(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.		
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16	"(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured."		
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18	18. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:		
19	"When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any		
20	additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked		
21	or suspended by the director."		
22	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>		
23	19. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the		
24	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of		
25	the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and		
26	enforcement of the case.		
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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonest Conduct - Subversion of Licensing Examination)

20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), and Business and Professions Code sections 9889.3, subdivisions (a) and (d), 9884.7(a)(4) and 496 in conjunction with section 123, subdivision (b) in that Respondent engaged in dishonest conduct when he subverted a licensing examination to obtain a Lamp Adjuster License. The circumstances are that on September 9, 2014, Respondent arrived at the Burbank Test Center to take the California Lamp Adjuster Licensing Examination. When he arrived, he was identified by his California Driver's License as Aaron Benor. During the course of the examination, a proctor observed Respondent reviewing lamp specification notes that he had in his possession. As a result, the notes were confiscated, the examination terminated, and he was asked to leave the testing center.

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OTHER MATTERS

21. Pursuant to Code section 9884.7(c), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech, upon a finding that he has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and 16 willful violation of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer. 17

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Station . 22. 18 License Number RC 154249, issued to Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech, is revoked 19 or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be 20 likewise revoked or suspended by the director. 21

23. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Station License Number LS 154249, 22 23 issued to Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the 24 25 name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

24. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Station License Number BS 154249, 26 issued to Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech, is revoked or suspended, any additional 27

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license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

25. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 313483 and Smog Check Inspector No. EO 313483, issued to Aaron Benor, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 313483,
issued to Aaron Benor, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5
and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be
likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

27. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 313483,
issued to Aaron Benor, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5
and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be
likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

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<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

Revoking, suspending, or placing on probation Automotive Repair Dealer
 Registration No. ARD 154249, issued to Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech;

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2. Revoking, suspending, or placing on probation any other automotive repair dealer
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registration issued to Aaron Benor;

3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Station License Number RC 154249, issued
to Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech;

24 4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under chapter 5, of the
25 Health and Safety Code in the name of Aaron Benor;

26 5. Revoking or suspending Brake Station License Number BS 154249, issued to
27 Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech;

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Revoking or suspending Lamp Station License Number LS 154249, issued to 6. 1 Aaron Benor, doing business as Rafi Autotech; 2 Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of 7. 3 Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of Aaron Benor; 4 Revoking or suspending Smog Check Repair Technician Number EI 313483, 8. 5 6 issued to Aaron Benor: 7 9. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector Number EO 313483, issued to 8 Aaron Benor; 9 10. Revoking or suspending Brake Adjuster License No. BA 313483, issued to Aaron Benor: 10 Revoking or suspending Lamp Adjuster License No. LA313483, issued to Aaron 11. 11 Benor; 12 Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the 13 12. Health and Safety Code in the name of Aaron Benor; 14 15 13. Ordering Rafi Autotech and Aaron Benor, to pay the Director of Consumer Affairs the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 16 17 125.3; and, Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 14. 18 19 20 May 5, 2016 21 DATED: PATRICK DORAIS 22 Chief Bureau of Automotive Repair 23 Department of Consumer Affairs State of California 24 Complainant 25 LA2015501939 26 51988096.doc 27 28 8

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL (Separate Mailings)

Case Name: In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Rafi Autotech, Aaron Benor No.: 79/16-106

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On May //, 2016, I served the attached <u>STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT</u>, <u>ACCUSATION, NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 COPIES), REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY</u>, <u>GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507, 11507.6, 11507.7</u> by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with return receipt requested, and another true copy of the attached <u>STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT</u>, <u>ACCUSATION, NOTICE OF</u> <u>DEFENSE (2 COPIES), REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY, GOVERNMENT CODE</u> <u>SECTIONS 11507, 11507.6, 11507.7</u> was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013, addressed as follows:

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Rafi Autotech Aaron Benor 3817 Sepulveda Blvd Culver City, CA 90230 Respondent Certified Article Number 9414 7266 9904 2067 9748 93 SENDERS RECORD

Signature

Via Electronic Mail only Bureau of Automotive Repair

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on May 2016, at Los Angeles, California.

G. R. Sanchez

Declarant

9414 7266 9904 2067 9748 86 9414 7266 9904 2067 9748 93 TO: TO: Aaron Benor aka Rafi Rene aka Rafi Autotech Ronny Mason aka Rony Benor Aaron Benor 3817 Sepulveda Boulevard 3817 Sepulveda Blvd, #F Culver City, CA 90230 Culver City, CA 90230-4605 SENDER: Heather Vo SENDER: Heather Vo LA2015501939 **REFERENCE:** LA2015501939 **REFERENCE: Pleading Packet Pleading Packet** PS Form 3800, January 2005 PS Form 3800, January 2005 RETURN Postage RETURN Postage RECEIPT **Certified Fee** RECEIPT SERVICE **Certifled Fee** SERVICE **Return Receipt Fee Return Receipt Fee Restricted Delivery** Restricted Delivery **Total Postage & Fees** Total Postage & Fees POSTMARK OR DATE USPS* POSTMARK OR DATE USPS* **Receipt for Receipt for Certified Mail* Certified Mail*** No Insurance Coverage Provided No Insurance Coverage Provided Do Not Use for International Mail Do Not Use for International Mail