

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**JERRY A. GUZZETTA, dba HALO HOT ROD**

850 E. Jefferson Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90011

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 280331

Smog Check Station License No. RC 280331

Respondent.


Case No. 79/23-3321

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order 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 21, 2024

IT IS SO ORDERED May 15, 2024.

  
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.**  
**ARD 280331**  
18 **Smog Check Station License No. RC 280331**

19 Respondent.

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22 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
23 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair  
26 (Bureau). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
27 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Matthew S. Beasley, Deputy Attorney  
28 General.



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

3 9. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
4 every right set forth above.

5 **CULPABILITY**

6 10. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
7 No. 79/23-3321.

8 11. Respondent agrees that his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and his Smog  
9 Check Station License, and each of them, are subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by  
10 the Director's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

11 **CONTINGENCY**

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

22 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
23 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile  
24 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

25 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an  
26 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.  
27 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,  
28 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

1 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a  
2 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

3 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
4 the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
5 Disciplinary Order:

6 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 280331  
8 issued, and Smog Check Station License No. RC 280331, and each of them, are revoked.

9 1. The parties understand and agree that for purposes of settlement of this matter, the  
10 Bureau defers its right to recover its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of  
11 Accusation number 79/23-3321 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the  
12 amount of \$15,624.13. However, the parties understand and agree that should Respondent apply  
13 in the future for any registration or license issued by the Bureau, said costs of investigation and  
14 enforcement will be due and payable prior to application.

15 2. The revocation of Respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and of  
16 Respondent's Smog Check Station License, and each of them, and the acceptance of the revoked  
17 registration and licenses by the Bureau, shall constitute the imposition of discipline against  
18 Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of  
19 Respondent's license history with the Bureau.

20 3. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as an Automotive Repair Dealer, and  
21 as a Smog Check Station License, in California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision  
22 and Order.

23 4. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Bureau their pocket licenses and, if  
24 issued, wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

25 5. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
26 the State of California, the Bureau shall treat it as a new application. Respondent must comply  
27 with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license  
28 in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations

1 contained in Accusation number 79/23-3321 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by  
2 Respondent when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.

3 **ACCEPTANCE**

4 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
5 discussed it with my attorney, Russell Cole. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will  
6 have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and on my Smog Check Station License, and  
7 each of them. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily,  
8 knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of  
9 the Department of Consumer Affairs.

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11 DATED: May 8, 2024 Signed Copy on File  
12 JERRY A. GUZZETTA  
*Respondent*

13 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jerry A. Guzzetta the terms and conditions  
14 and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve  
15 its form and content.

16 DATED: May 8, 2024 Signed Copy on File  
17 RUSSELL COLE  
*Attorney for Respondent*

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**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: May 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA  
Attorney General of California  
SHAWN P. COOK  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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