

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ dba JL SMOG**

14520 Lakewood Blvd.

Bellflower, CA 90706

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 209512

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 209512

and

**RAMON ANGEL COVARRUBIAS**

11108 Marbel Ave.

Downey, CA 90241

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 150178

Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 15178

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-3541

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OAH No. 2025060527

**DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Jose Luis Martinez 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 March 24, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED February 12, 2026.

Signed copy on file  
GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ  
Assistant Deputy Director  
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

*(As to Jose Luis Martinez Only)*

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26 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
27 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:  
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1 **PARTIES**

2 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair  
3 (Bureau). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
4 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by William D. Gardner, Deputy Attorney  
5 General.

6 2. Respondent Jose Luis Martinez, dba JL Smog (Respondent) is represented in this  
7 proceeding by attorney William D. Ferreira, whose address is: 580 California Street, Ste 1200,  
8 San Francisco, CA 94104.

9 3. On or about January 1, 2000, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair  
10 Dealer Registration Number ARD 209512 to Respondent. The Automotive Repair Dealer  
11 Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and  
12 will expire on February 28, 2026, unless renewed.

13 4. On or about May 9, 2000, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check, Test-  
14 Only, Station License Number TC 209512 to Respondent. The Smog Check, Test-Only, Station  
15 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
16 expire on February 28, 2026, unless renewed.

17 **JURISDICTION**

18 5. Accusation No. 79/25-3541 was filed before the Director of the Department of  
19 Consumer Affairs (Director), and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and  
20 all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 18, 2025.  
21 Respondent timely filed Respondent's Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

22 6. A copy of Accusation No. 79/25-3541 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated  
23 herein by reference.

24 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

25 7. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
26 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/25-3541. Respondent has also carefully read, fully  
27 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
28 Order.



1 effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,  
2 and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

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

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

12 16. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
13 the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
14 Disciplinary Order:

15 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 209512  
17 and Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 209512, issued to Respondent Jose  
18 Luis Martinez, dba JL Smog are revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is  
19 placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

20 1. **Obey All Laws.** During the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with all  
21 federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all BAR registrations and licenses held  
22 by Respondent.

23 2. **Quarterly Reporting.** During the period of probation, Respondent shall report either  
24 by personal appearance or in writing as determined by BAR on a schedule set by BAR, but no  
25 more frequently than once each calendar quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in  
26 maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.

27 3. **Report Financial Interests.** Respondent shall, within 30 days of the effective date  
28 of the decision and within 30 days from the date of any request by BAR during the period of

1 probation, report any financial interest which any Respondent or any partners, officers, or owners  
2 of any Respondent facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to  
3 Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

4       **4. Access to Examine Vehicles and Records.** Respondent shall provide BAR  
5 representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts) undergoing service,  
6 inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion. Respondent shall also provide  
7 BAR representatives unrestricted access to all records pursuant to BAR laws and regulations.

8       **5. Tolling of Probation.** If, during probation, Respondent leaves the jurisdiction of  
9 California to reside or do business elsewhere or otherwise ceases to do business in the jurisdiction  
10 of California, Respondent shall notify BAR in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure  
11 and return, and of the dates of cessation and resumption of business in California. All provisions  
12 of probation other than cost reimbursement requirements, restitution requirements, training  
13 requirements, and that Respondent obey all laws, shall be held in abeyance during any period of  
14 time of 30 days or more in which Respondent is not residing or engaging in business within the  
15 jurisdiction of California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of  
16 resumption of business in California. Any period of time of 30 days or more in which Respondent  
17 is not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of California shall not apply to the  
18 reduction of this probationary period or to any period of actual suspension not previously  
19 completed. Tolling is not available if business or work relevant to the probationary license or  
20 registration is conducted or performed during the tolling period.

21       **6. Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates or fails to comply with the terms and  
22 conditions of probation in any respect, the Director, after giving notice and opportunity to be  
23 heard may set aside the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision.  
24 Once Respondent is served notice of BAR's intent to set aside the stay, the Director shall maintain  
25 jurisdiction, and the period of probation shall be extended until final resolution of the matter.

26       **7. Maintain Valid License.** Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain  
27 a current and active registration and/or license(s) with BAR, including any period during which  
28 suspension or probation is tolled. If Respondent's registration or license is expired at the time the

1 decision becomes effective, the registration or license must be renewed by Respondent within 30  
2 days of that date. If Respondent's registration or license expires during a term of probation, by  
3 operation of law or otherwise, then upon renewal Respondent's registration or license shall be  
4 subject to any and all terms and conditions of probation not previously satisfied. Failure to  
5 maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the period of probation shall also  
6 constitute a violation of probation.

7       8.     **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair \$5,262 for  
8 the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of case No. 79/25-3541. Respondent  
9 shall make such payment as follows: twenty-four (24) consecutive monthly payments of \$219.25,  
10 with the first such payment being due on or before the effective date of the Decision and order.  
11 Any agreement for a scheduled payment plan shall require full payment to be completed no later  
12 than twelve (12) months before probation terminates. Respondent shall make payment by check  
13 or money order payable to the Bureau of Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or  
14 money order that it is for cost recovery payment for case No. 79/25-3541. Any order for payment  
15 of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not  
16 terminate until full cost recovery payment has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any  
17 other lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action  
18 based upon the violation of probation.

19       9.     **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's  
20 affected registration and/or license will be fully restored or issued without restriction, if  
21 Respondent meets all current requirements for registration or licensure and has paid all  
22 outstanding fees, monetary penalties, or cost recovery owed to BAR.

23       10.    **License Surrender.** Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay of  
24 invalidation or revocation, if Respondent ceases business operations or is otherwise unable to  
25 satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request that the stay be vacated.  
26 Such request shall be made in writing to BAR. The Director and the BAR Chief reserve the right  
27 to evaluate the Respondent's request and to exercise discretion whether to grant the request or  
28 take any other action deemed appropriate or reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal

1 granting of the request, the Director will vacate the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order  
2 provided in the decision. Respondent may not petition the Director for reinstatement of the  
3 surrendered registration and/or license, or apply for a new registration or license under the  
4 jurisdiction of BAR at any time before the date of the originally scheduled completion of  
5 probation. If Respondent applies to BAR for a registration or license at any time after that date,  
6 Respondent must meet all current requirements for registration or licensure and pay all  
7 outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to BAR and left outstanding at the time of surrender.

8 **11. Training Course**

9 Within 60 days of the effective date of a decision, Respondent shall attend a Write It Right  
10 presentation provided by a Bureau Representative, at the location, date, and time determined by  
11 the Bureau.

12 **ACCEPTANCE**

13 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
14 discussed it with my attorney, William D. Ferreira. I understand the stipulation and the effect it  
15 will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and Smog Check, Test-Only, Station  
16 License, and STAR Station Certification. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
17 Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order  
18 of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

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20 DATED: December 9, 2025 Signed copy on file  
21 JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ, DBA JL SMOG  
*Respondent*

22 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jose Luis Martinez, dba JL Smog the  
23 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and  
24 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

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26 DATED: December 9, 2025 Signed copy on File  
27 WILLIAM D. FERREIRA  
*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: December 9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
ROB BONTA  
Attorney General of California  
ARMANDO ZAMBRANO  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

*Signed Copy on File*  
WILLIAM D. GARDNER  
Deputy Attorney General  
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