

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

FRANSISCO E. PINTO, dba L&R SMOG

534 S. Mountain Ave. K

Ontario, CA 91762

Mailing Address:

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San Bernardino, CA 92408

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 285573

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 285573

and

FRANSISCO E. PINTO

437 Eucalyptus Court

Redlands, CA 92373

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 639740

Respondents.

Case No. 79/24-11143

OAH No. 2025050123

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 February 6, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 23, 2025.

Signature on file

GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.**
18 **ARD 285573**
19 **Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No.**
20 **TC 285573,**

21 **and**

22 **FRANCISCO E. PINTO**
23 **437 Eucalyptus Court**
24 **Redlands, CA 92373**

25 **Smog Check Inspector License No. EO**
26 **639740**

27 Respondents.

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1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
2 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”). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter
6 by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Stephen D. Svetich, Deputy
7 Attorney General.

8 2. Respondent Francisco E. Pinto (“Respondent”), individual and doing business as
9 L&R Smog, is represented in this proceeding by attorney Stephen Allen, whose address is: Law
10 Office of Stephen T. Allen, APC, 2055 Canyon Crest Dr., Riverside, CA 92507, phone number
11 (503) 888-6590.

12 3. On or about December 15, 2016, Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer
13 Registration Number ARD 285573 to Respondent, doing business as L&R Smog. The
14 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
15 charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2025, unless renewed.

16 4. On or about January 10, 2017, Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station
17 License Number TC 285573 to Respondent, doing business as L&R Smog. The Smog Check,
18 Test Only, Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
19 herein and will expire on December 31, 2025, unless renewed.

20 5. Respondent, doing business as L&R Smog, is also certified as a STAR Station. The
21 certification was issued on or about April 26, 2017, and will remain active unless the Automotive
22 Repair Dealer Registration and/or Smog Check, Test Only, Station License is revoked, cancelled,
23 becomes delinquent, or the certification is suspended.

24 6. On or about September 29, 2016, Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License
25 Number EO 639740 to Respondent. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and
26 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2026,
27 unless renewed.
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1 **JURISDICTION**

2 7. Accusation No. 79/24-11143 was filed before the Director of the Department of
3 Consumer Affairs (“Director”) and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and
4 all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 7, 2025.
5 Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

6 8. A copy of Accusation No. 79/24-11143 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated
7 herein by reference.

8 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

9 9. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
10 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/24-11143. Respondent has also carefully read, fully
11 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
12 Order.

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

19 11. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
20 every right set forth above.

21 **CULPABILITY**

22 12. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation
23 No. 79/24-11143, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his
24 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration; Smog Check, Test Only, Station License; STAR
25 Certification; and Smog Check Inspector License.

26 13. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
27 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
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1 basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest
2 those charges.

3 14. Respondent agrees that his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration; Smog Check,
4 Test Only, Station License; STAR Certification; and Smog Check Inspector License are subject
5 to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Director's imposition of discipline as set forth in the
6 Disciplinary Order below.

7 **CONTINGENCY**

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

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

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

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

4 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 285573
6 issued to Respondent Francisco E. Pinto, doing business as L&R Smog, is revoked.

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 285573
8 issued to Respondent Francisco E. Pinto, doing business as L&R Smog, is revoked.

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 639740 issued to
10 Respondent Francisco E. Pinto is revoked.

11 1. Cost Recovery. The parties understand and agree that for purposes of settlement of
12 this matter, the Bureau defers its right to recover its reasonable costs of investigation and
13 enforcement of Accusation No. 79/24-11143 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
14 125.3 in the amount of \$8,990.25. However, the parties understand and agree that should
15 Respondent apply in the future for any registration or license issued by the Bureau said costs of
16 investigation and enforcement will become due and payable prior to Respondent applying for any
17 registration or license issued by the Bureau.

18 2. The revocation of Respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration; Smog
19 Check, Test Only, Station License; STAR Certification; and Smog Check Inspector License, and
20 the acceptance of the revoked licenses by the Bureau, shall constitute the imposition of discipline
21 against the Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become
22 part of Respondent's license history with the Bureau of Automotive Repair.

23 3. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges of an Automotive Repair Dealer; Smog
24 Check, Test Only, Station; STAR Certification holder; and Smog Check Inspector in California as
25 of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

26 4. Respondent shall cause to be delivered her pocket licenses and, if one was issued, his
27 wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

28 5. Respondent may apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement one year after the

1 effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

2 **ACCEPTANCE**

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

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10 DATED: 12/2/25

Original signature on file

11 FRANCISCO E. PINTO, INDIVIDUALLY AND
12 DOING BUSINESS AS L&R SMOG
13 *Respondent*

14 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Francisco E. Pinto, dba L & R Smog the
15 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
16 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

17 DATED: 12/2/25

Original signature on file

18 STEPHEN T. ALLEN
19 Law Office of Stephen T. Allen, APC
20 *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: 12/3/25

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA
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NANCY A. KAISER
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