

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

MARCEL GOMEZ, OWNER, dba

BELLFLOWER FAST PASS

10117 Rosecrans Avenue

Bellflower, CA 90706

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 296560

Smog Check, Test Only Station License No. TC 296560

and

RAMON ESTRADA, JR.

8020 Birchcrest Road, Apt. C107

Downey, CA 90240

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 636166

Respondents.

Case No. 79/24-6935

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OAH No. 2024101016

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 August 12, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED July 7, 2025.

Signature on File
GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Deputy Director
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

28 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
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
4 by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael Brown, Deputy Attorney
5 General.

6 2. Respondents Marcel Gomez-Owner dba Bellflower Fast Pass (“Respondent
7 Bellflower Fast”) and Ramon Estrada, Jr. (“Respondent Estrada”) are represented in this
8 proceeding by attorney Frank C. Brucculeri, Esq., whose address is: 24341 La Hermosa Avenue,
9 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

10 **Marcel Gomez-Owner dba Bellflower Fast Pass**

11 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration**

12 3. On or about February 4, 2020, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer
13 Registration Number ARD 296560 to Respondent Bellflower Fast. The Automotive Repair
14 Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in
15 Accusation No. 79/24-6935 and will expire on February 28, 2026, unless renewed.

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

17 4. On or about January 21, 2020, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only Station
18 License Number TC 296560 to Respondent Bellflower Fast. The Smog Check, Test Only Station
19 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No.
20 79/24-6935 and will expire on February 28, 2026, unless renewed.

21 **Ramon Estrada, Jr.**

22 **Smog Check Inspector License**

23 5. On or about October 21, 2013, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License
24 Number EO 636166 to Respondent Estrada. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force
25 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/24-6935 and will
26 expire on March 31, 2026, unless renewed.

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12. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondents Bellflower Fast and Estrada agree that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondents hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.

13. Respondents Bellflower Fast and Estrada understand that by signing this stipulation they enable the Director to issue his order accepting the revocation of his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check, Test Only, Station License and Smog Check Inspector License, without further process.

CONTINGENCY

14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's designee. Respondents Bellflower Fast and Estrada 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 their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their 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 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 not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 636166, issued to Respondent Ramon Estrada, Jr. ("Respondent Estrada") is revoked and accepted by the Director of Consumer Affairs.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 296560 and Smog Check, Test Only Station License No. TC 296560, issued to Respondent Marcel Gomez-Owner dba Bellflower Fast Pass ("Respondent Bellflower Fast") are revoked. However, the revocation is stayed, and Respondent Bellflower Fast is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Actual Suspension.** Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 296560 and Smog Check, Test Only Station License No. TC 296560, issued to Respondent Bellflower Fast are suspended for thirty (30) consecutive days beginning on the effective date of the Decision and Order.

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

3. **Posting of Sign.** During the period of suspension, Respondent Bellflower Fast shall prominently post a sign or signs, provided by BAR, indicating the beginning, and ending dates of the suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign or signs shall be conspicuously displayed in a location, or locations open to and frequented by customers. The location(s) of the sign(s) shall be approved by BAR and shall remain posted during the entire period of actual suspension.

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

5 5. **Report Financial Interests.** Respondent Bellflower Fast shall, within 30 days of the
6 effective date of the decision and within 30 days from the date of any request by BAR during the
7 period of probation, report any financial interest which any Respondent or any partners, officers,
8 or owners of any Respondent facility may have in any other business required to be registered
9 pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

10 6. **Access to Examine Vehicles and Records.** Respondent Bellflower Fast shall
11 provide BAR representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts)
12 undergoing service, inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion.
13 Respondent shall also provide BAR representatives unrestricted access to all records pursuant to
14 BAR laws and regulations.

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

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

7 9. **Maintain Valid License.** Respondent Bellflower Fast shall, at all times while on
8 probation, maintain a current and active registration and/or license(s) with BAR, including any
9 period during which suspension or probation is tolled. If Respondent's registration or license is
10 expired at the time the decision becomes effective, the registration or license must be renewed by
11 Respondent within 30 days of that date. If Respondent's registration or license expires during a
12 term of probation, by operation of law or otherwise, then upon renewal Respondent's registration
13 or license shall be subject to any and all terms and conditions of probation not previously
14 satisfied. Failure to maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the period of
15 probation shall also constitute a violation of probation.

16 10. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent Bellflower Fast shall pay the Bureau of Automotive
17 Repair \$12,472.80 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of case No.
18 79/24-6935. Respondent shall make such payment as follows: Respondent shall make forty-eight
19 (48) consecutive equal monthly payments of \$259.85 per month, with the first payment due on
20 the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order. Any agreement for a scheduled payment
21 plan shall require full payment to be completed no later than twelve (12) months before probation
22 terminates. Respondent shall make payment by check or money order payable to the Bureau of
23 Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or money order that it is for cost recovery
24 payment for case No. 79/24-6935. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect
25 whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full cost recovery payment
26 has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any other lawful measures in collecting on the
27 costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based upon the violation of probation.

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1 **11. Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent
2 Bellflower Fast's affected registration and/or license will be fully restored or issued without
3 restriction, if Respondent meets all current requirements for registration or licensure and has paid
4 all outstanding fees, monetary penalties, or cost recovery owed to BAR.

5 **12. License Surrender.** Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay of
6 invalidation or revocation, if Respondent Bellflower Fast ceases business operations or is
7 otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request that
8 the stay be vacated. Such request shall be made in writing to BAR. The Director and the BAR
9 Chief reserve the right to evaluate the Respondent's request and to exercise discretion whether to
10 grant the request or take any other action deemed appropriate or reasonable under the
11 circumstances. Upon formal granting of the request, the Director will vacate the stay order and
12 carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision. Respondent may not petition the
13 Director for reinstatement of the surrendered registration and/or license, or apply for a new
14 registration or license under the jurisdiction of BAR at any time before the date of the originally
15 scheduled completion of probation. If Respondent applies to BAR for a registration or license at
16 any time after that date, Respondent must meet all current requirements for registration or
17 licensure and pay all outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to BAR and left outstanding at the
18 time of surrender.

19 **13. Training.** Within 180 days of the effective date of a decision, Respondent Bellflower
20 Fast shall submit to BAR satisfactory evidence of completion of a laws and regulations training
21 course that meets the following requirements:

22 (1) The course shall be instructor-led, in a classroom or online setting, and shall include
23 instruction on registrant or licensee compliance with the laws and regulations related to the
following areas:

- 24 (A) Estimate Requirements
- 25 (B) Customer Authorization
- 26 (C) Invoice Requirements
- 27 (D) Accepted Trade Standards
- 28 (E) Sublet Repair
- (F) Return of Parts
- (G) Advertising Requirements
- (H) Guarantees and Warranties
- (I) Maintenance of Records

1 (2) The course shall include an examination to verify the Respondent can apply the laws and
2 regulations in daily automotive repair transactions.

3 (3) The course shall have a minimum of (8) eight hours of dedicated time to instruction and
4 examination, where examination time shall be between thirty (30) minutes to an hour.

5 (4) The course shall require a minimum score of 70 percent on the examination to provide
6 proof of completion.

7 If, in the case of a registered automotive repair dealer or licensed Smog Check, or lamp
8 and/or brake station, the registration or license is issued to a partnership, corporation, or a Limited
9 Liability Company, then it shall be the responsibility of the registered automotive repair dealer or
10 licensed Smog Check, or lamp and/or brake station manager, or another person who directly or
11 indirectly controls or conducts the business to complete any required training course specified in
12 the decision.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Frank C. Brucculeri, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and Smog Check, Test Only Station License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: June 3, 2025

Signed Copy on File

MARCEL GOMEZ-OWNER DBA BELLFLOWER
FAST PASS
Respondent

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: June 3, 2025

Signed Copy on File

RAMON ESTRADA, JR.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Marcel Gomez-Owner dba Bellflower Fast Pass and Ramon Estrada, Jr. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve of its form and content.

DATED: June 3, 2025

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FRANK C. BRUCCULERI, ESQ.
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: June 3, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
NANCY A. KAISER
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General
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