

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

PAULA KAY RAMIREZ- OWNER dba SMOG CALIFORNIA

17847 Valley Blvd.

Bloomington, CA 92316

Mailing Address:

257 S. Loretta St.

Rialto, CA 92376

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 297689

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 297689

and

SAMUEL RAMIREZ

257 S. Loretta Street

Rialto, CA 92376

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 642191

Respondents.

Case No. 79/24-4122

OAH No. 2024090376

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Paula Kay Ramirez-Owner dba Smog California 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 December 5, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED October 29 , 2024.

Original signature on file
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO PAULA
KAY RAMIREZ – OWNER DBA SMOG
CALIFORNIA**

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 by
6 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael Yi, Deputy Attorney General.

7 2. Paula Kay Ramirez – Owner dba Smog California (Respondent P. Ramirez) is
8 representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented
9 by counsel.

10 3. On or about July 29, 2020, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
11 Number ARD 297689 to Respondent P. Ramirez. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
12 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation and will
13 expire on July 31, 2025, unless renewed.

14 4. On or about September 18, 2020, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station
15 License Number TC 297689 to Respondent P. Ramirez. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station
16 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation
17 and will expire on July 31, 2025, unless renewed.

18 **JURISDICTION**

19 5. Accusation number 79/24-4122 was filed before the Director of the Department of
20 Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, and is currently pending
21 against Respondent P. Ramirez. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents
22 were properly served on Respondent P. Ramirez on August 23, 2024. Respondent P. Ramirez
23 timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

24 6. A copy of Accusation number 79/24-4122 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated
25 herein by reference.

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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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 297689 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 297689, issued to Paula Kay Ramirez – Owner dba Smog California are revoked.

1. **Cost Recovery.** The parties understand and agree that for purposes of settlement of this matter, the Bureau defers its right to recover its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of Accusation number 79/24-4122 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$9,708.63. However, the parties understand and agree that should Respondent P. Ramirez apply in the future for any registration or license issued by the Bureau, said costs of investigation and enforcement will become due and payable at that time.

2. The revocation of Respondent P. Ramirez's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License, and the acceptance of the revoked registration and license by the Bureau, shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent P. Ramirez. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of

Respondent P. Ramirez's license history with the Bureau.

3. Respondent P. Ramirez shall lose all rights and privileges as an Automotive Repair Dealer and Smog Check Station in California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.

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

5. If Respondent P. Ramirez ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Bureau shall treat it as a new application. Respondent P. Ramirez must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation number 79/24-4122 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent P. Ramirez when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.

6. Respondent P. Ramirez may not petition for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license/registration for one (1) year from the effective date of this Decision.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. 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: 10/8/2024

Original signature on file

PAULA KAY RAMIREZ – OWNER DBA SMOG
CALIFORNIA
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: October 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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