

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

JOSEPH ISAAC PALOMINO dba MR. SMOG CHECK

Station and Mailing Address:

775 S. Gifford Unit 23

San Bernardino, CA 92408

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 302862

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 302862

and

JOSEPH ISAAC PALOMINO

5373 Paloma Rd.

Riverside, CA 92509

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 643562

Respondents.

Case No. 79/25-6711

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OAH No. 2026050720

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 October 2, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED August 17, 2026.

Original signature on file
GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
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Department of Consumer Affairs

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10 **FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**
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STIPULATED REVOCATION
OF LICENSE AND ORDER

15 Station & Mailing Address:
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San Bernardino, CA 92408

16 **Automotive Repair Dealer**
17 **Registration No. ARD 302862**
Smog Check Test Only Station License
18 **No. TC 302862**

19 And

20 **JOSEPH ISAAC PALOMINO**
5373 Paloma Rd.
Riverside, CA 92509
21 **Smog Check Inspector License No.**
22 **EO 643562**

Respondent.

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

26 **PARTIES**

27 1. Patrick Dorais (complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
28 (bureau). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by

1 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Matthew A. King, Deputy Attorney
2 General.

3 2. Joseph Isaac Palomino, dba Mr. Smog Check (respondent) is represented by Frank
4 Brucculeri, Frank Brucculeri Law Corp., whose address is 34221 Golden Lantern, Suite 203,
5 Dana Point, California 92629.

6 3. On or about June 28, 2022, the bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
7 No. ARD 302862 to respondent. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and
8 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2027, unless
9 renewed.

10 3. On or about August 30, 2022, the bureau issued Smog Check Test Only Station
11 License No. TC 302862 to respondent. The Smog Check Test Only Station License was in full
12 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30,
13 2027, unless renewed.

14 4. On or about May 30, 2023, the bureau certified respondent as a STAR Station. The
15 STAR Station Certification was suspended on or about March 13, 2024.

16 5. On or about March 7, 2022, the bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License No. EO
17 643562 to respondent. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times
18 relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2028, unless renewed.

19 **JURISDICTION**

20 4. Accusation No. 79/25-6711 was filed before the Director of the Department of
21 Consumer Affairs (director), and is currently pending against respondent. The Accusation and all
22 other statutorily required documents were properly served on respondent on January 15, 2026.
23 Respondent timely filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

24 5. A copy of Accusation No. 79/25-6711 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated
25 herein by reference.

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CONTINGENCY

12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the director or the director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees 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 respondent or respondent's counsel. By signing the stipulation, respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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.

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:

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1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 302862,
3 Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 302862, Smog Check Inspector License No. EO
4 643562, issued to respondent Joseph Isaac Palomino, dba Mr. Smog Check are revoked and
5 accepted by the Director of Consumer Affairs.

6 1. The revocation of respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check
7 Test Only Station License, and Smog Check Inspector License and the acceptance of the revoked
8 licenses by the director shall constitute the imposition of discipline against respondent. This
9 stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of respondent's license
10 history with the bureau.

11 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as an Automotive Repair Dealer, Smog
12 Check Test Only Station, and Smog Check Inspector in California as of the effective date of the
13 director's Decision and Order.

14 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the bureau its pocket license and, if one was
15 issued, its wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

16 4. If respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
17 the State of California, the bureau shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
18 comply with all the laws, regulations, and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or
19 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations
20 contained in Accusation No. 79/25-8987 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by
21 respondent when the director determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

22 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the
23 amount of \$6,990.33 prior to application for a new or reinstated license.

24 **ACCEPTANCE**

25 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
26 discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my
27 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Test Only Station License, and Smog
28 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: August 7, 2026

Original signature on file

JOSEPH ISAAC PALOMINO
DBA MR. SMOG CHECK
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Joseph Isaac Palomino, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: August 7, 2026

Original signature on file

FRANK BRUCCULERI
Frank Brucculeri Law Corp.
Attorney for 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: August 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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

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