

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

BRANDON A. SORIANO dba CHACO SMOG CHECK

10090 Arlington Ave. Unit A

Riverside, CA 92503

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 306412

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 306412

and

BRANDON ALEXANDER SORIANO

18335 Jakes Way Apt 201

Canyon Country, CA 91387

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 643670

Respondents.

Case No. 79/24-19709

OAH No. 2025080170

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 March 5, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED January 28, 2026.

Signature on file
GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
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**STIPULATED REVOCATION 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:

PARTIES

1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
(Bureau). Complainant brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this

1 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Agustin Lopez, Deputy
2 Attorney General.

3 2. Brandon A. Soriano, dba Chaco Smog Check (Respondent) is representing himself in
4 this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

5 3. Brandon A. Soriano (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has
6 chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

7 **LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

8 4. On May 11, 2022, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO
9 643670 to Respondent. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all
10 times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2026, unless renewed.
11 However, effective December 31, 2025, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) revoked
12 Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 643670 in an administrative disciplinary proceeding
13 entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against Nick Anthony Yniguez, et al.* (DCA, 2024, No.
14 79/24-20966).

15 5. On July 13, 2023, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
16 ARD 306412 to Respondent as a sole proprietor, doing business as Chaco Smog Check. The
17 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
18 charges brought in Accusation No. 79/24-19709, and will expire on July 31, 2026, unless
19 renewed.

20 6. On August 24, 2023, the Bureau issued Smog Check Test-Only Station License No.
21 TC 306412 to Respondent as a sole proprietor licensee, doing business as Chaco Smog Check.
22 The Smog Check Test Only Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
23 charges brought in Accusation No. 79/24-19709, and was scheduled to expire on July 31, 2026.

24 7. Respondent is also certified as a STAR Station. The certification was issued on
25 October 18, 2023, and will remain active unless the ARD registration and/or Smog Check Station
26 license is revoked, canceled, licenses become delinquent, or the certification is invalidated.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

2 8. Complainant filed Accusation No. 79/24-19709 before the Director of the DCA, and
3 it is currently pending against Respondent. On May 30, 2025, Complainant properly served the
4 Accusation and all other statutorily required documents on Respondent. Respondent timely filed
5 his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 79/24-19709 is
6 attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

7 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

8 9. Respondent has carefully read and understands the charges and allegations in
9 Accusation No. 79/24-19709. Respondent also has carefully read and understands the effects of
10 this Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order.

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

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

20 **CULPABILITY**

21 12. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
22 No. 79/24-19709, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby agrees to submit to the
23 stipulated revocation of his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 306412 for the
24 Bureau's formal acceptance.

25 13. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
26 No. 79/24-19709, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby agrees to submit to the
27 stipulated revocation of his Smog Check Test-Only Station License No. TC 306412 for the
28 Bureau's formal acceptance.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 306412 and Smog Check Test-Only Station License No. TC 306412 issued to Respondent are revoked and accepted by the Bureau.

1. The stipulated revocation of Respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and Smog Check Test Only Station License; and the acceptance of the revoked licenses by the Bureau shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Bureau.

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

3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Bureau his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Bureau shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations, and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed; and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 79/24-19709 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$6,581.54 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 79/24-19709 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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ACCEPTANCE

I, Brandon A. Soriano, have carefully read the Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary Order of License. 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 Revocation 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: 1/9/26 Original signature on file
BRANDON A SORIANO DBA CHACO
SMOG CHECK
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: 1/12/26 Respectfully submitted,
ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
ERIN M. SUNSERI
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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