

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CLEAR SKY ASSOCIATES III, LLC, dba 101 EXPRESS SMOG

5320 Old Redwood Highway, #D

Petaluma, CA 94954

Mailing Address:

2708 Wilshire Blvd. Unit 225

Santa Monica, CA 90403

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 295886

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 295886

JORGE ARMANDO SANCHEZ

7835 Burton Ave.

Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Smog Check Inspector No. EO 639930

Respondents.


Case No. 79/20-15198

OAH No. 2021050431

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 November 18, 2021.

DATED: Oct. 13, 2021 

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

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27 IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to these proceedings that
28 the following matters are true:

PARTIES

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2 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
3 (Bureau), Department of Consumer Affairs. He brought this action solely in his official capacity
4 and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, and
5 Gregory Tuss, deputy attorney general.

6 2. Respondents Clear Sky Associates III, LLC dba 101 Express Smog (Respondent
7 101 Express Smog); and Jorge Armando Sanchez (Respondent Sanchez) are represented in this
8 proceeding by attorney William D. Ferreira, whose address is 580 California Street, Suite 1200,
9 San Francisco, California 94104.

10 3. On November 18, 2019, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
11 No. ARD 295886 to Respondent 101 Express Smog. This 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 November 30, 2021, unless renewed.

14 4. On December 5, 2019, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station No.
15 TC 295886 Respondent 101 Express Smog. This smog check station license was in full force and
16 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/20-15198 and will expire
17 on November 30, 2021, unless renewed.

18 5. Respondent 101 Express Smog has STAR Station certification. The Bureau issued
19 this STAR Station certification on January 14, 2020. This STAR Station certification will remain
20 active unless or until Respondent 101 Express Smog's automotive repair dealer registration or
21 smog check station license is revoked, canceled, becomes delinquent, or the STAR Station
22 certification is invalidated.

23 6. On January 11, 2017, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License No.
24 EO 639930 to Respondent Sanchez. This smog check inspector license was in full force and
25 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 79/20-15198 and will expire
26 on November 30, 2022, unless renewed.

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1 members of this limited liability company.

2 13. Respondent Sanchez understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in
3 Accusation No. 79/20-15198, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon
4 his smog check inspector license. For the purpose of resolving the accusation without the
5 expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent Sanchez agrees that, at a hearing,
6 Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the accusation and that Respondent
7 Sanchez gives up his right to contest those charges.

8 14. Respondents agree that their automotive repair dealer registration, smog check
9 station license, and smog check inspector license are subject to discipline and they agree to be
10 bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Orders below.

11 **AMENDMENTS TO ACCUSATION**

12 15. Complainant agrees and stipulates to amend Accusation No. 79/20-15198 by
13 moving the limited liability company name "Clear Sky Associates III, LLC dba 101 Express
14 Smog" above the members' names in the caption.

15 16. Complainant also agrees and stipulates to amend Accusation No. 79/20-15198 by
16 removing/dropping/dismissing the following counts:

- 17 a. Second Cause for Discipline, paragraph 46
- 18 b. Third Cause for Discipline, paragraph 47, subsection a
- 19 c. Fourth Cause for Discipline, paragraph 48
- 20 d. Fifth Cause for Discipline, paragraph 49, subsection c

21 17. Complainant also agrees and stipulates to amend Accusation No. 79/20-15198 by
22 removing the words "and fraudulent" from the Third Cause for Discipline, paragraph 47,
23 subsections f. and g., and from the Fifth Cause for Discipline, paragraph 49, subsection f.

24 18. Complainant shall serve, and file a first amended accusation with the amendments
25 in paragraphs 15-17 above within 30 days of approval of this stipulation.

26 **NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

27 19. Complainant agrees and stipulates that the allegations in Accusation No.
28 79/20-15198 shall not be used as a basis for denial of any future registration or license

1 applications by Respondents or Respondent Clear Sky Associates III, LLC's members to the
2 Bureau. Any registration or license approved by the Bureau to Respondents Clear Sky Associates
3 III, LLC or Jorge Armando Sanchez during the period of probation shall be a probationary
4 registration or license for a period equal to the remaining period of probation and subject to the
5 same probationary terms and conditions. Complainant does NOT stipulate to the outcome of any
6 future registration or license applications by Respondents.

7 CONTINGENCY

8 20. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's
9 designee. Respondents understand and agree 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 Respondents
12 or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not
13 withdraw their 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 21. 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, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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

27 23. In consideration of these admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the
28 Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following

1 Disciplinary Orders:

2 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT 101 EXPRESS SMOG**

3 IT IS ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 295886 and
4 Smog Check, Test Only, Station No. TC 295886 issued to Respondent 101 Express Smog are
5 revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondent 101 Express Smog's registration
6 and license are placed on probation for four years on the following terms and conditions:

7 1. **Obey All Laws.** During the period of probation, Respondent 101 Express Smog
8 shall comply with all federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all Bureau
9 registrations and licenses held by Respondent 101 Express Smog.

10 2. **Posting of Sign.** During the period in which Respondent 101 Express Smog's
11 STAR Station certification is temporarily invalidated, Respondent 101 Express Smog shall
12 prominently post a sign or signs provided by the Bureau indicating the beginning and ending
13 dates of the temporary invalidation and indicating the reason for the temporary invalidation. The
14 sign or signs shall be conspicuously displayed in a location or locations open to and frequented by
15 customers. The location(s) of the sign(s) shall be approved by the Bureau and shall remain posted
16 during the entire period of actual temporary invalidation.

17 3. **Quarterly Reporting.** During the period of probation, Respondent 101 Express
18 Smog shall report either by personal appearance or in writing as determined by the Bureau on a
19 schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than once each calendar quarter, on the
20 methods used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of
21 probation.

22 4. **Report Financial Interests.** Respondent 101 Express Smog shall, within 30 days
23 of the effective date of the decision and within 30 days from the date of any request by the Bureau
24 during the period of probation, report any financial interest which Respondent 101 Express Smog
25 or any of its partners, officers, or owners may have in any other business required to be registered
26 under section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

27 5. **Access to Examine Vehicles and Records.** Respondent 101 Express Smog shall
28 provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts)

1 undergoing service, inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion.

2 Respondent 101 Express Smog shall also provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access
3 under Bureau laws and regulations to all records.

4 **6. Tolling of Probation.** If, during probation, Respondent 101 Express Smog leaves
5 the jurisdiction of California to reside or do business elsewhere, or otherwise ceases to do
6 business in the jurisdiction of California, Respondent 101 Express Smog shall notify the Bureau
7 in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure and return, and of the dates of cessation and
8 resumption of business in California. All provisions of probation other than cost reimbursement
9 requirements, restitution requirements, training requirements, and that Respondent 101 Express
10 Smog obey all laws shall be held in abeyance during any period of time of 30 days or more in
11 which Respondent 101 Express Smog is not residing or engaging in business within the
12 jurisdiction of California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of
13 resumption of business in California. Any period of time of 30 days or more in which
14 Respondent 101 Express Smog is not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of
15 California shall not apply to the reduction of this probationary period or to any period of actual
16 suspension not previously completed. Tolling is not available if business or work relevant to the
17 probationary license or registration is conducted or performed during the tolling period.

18 **7. Violation of Probation.** If Respondent 101 Express Smog violates or fails to
19 comply with the terms and conditions of probation in any respect, the Director, after giving notice
20 and opportunity to be heard may set aside the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order
21 provided in the decision. Once Respondent 101 Express Smog is served notice of the Bureau's
22 intent to set aside the stay, the Director shall maintain jurisdiction and the period of probation
23 shall be extended until final resolution of the matter.

24 **8. Maintain Valid License.** Respondent 101 Express Smog shall, at all times while
25 on probation, maintain a current and active registration and/or license(s) with the Bureau,
26 including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. If Respondent 101 Express
27 Smog's registration or license is expired at the time the decision becomes effective, the
28 registration or license must be renewed by Respondent 101 Express Smog within 30 days of that

1 date. If Respondent 101 Express Smog's registration or license expires during a term of
2 probation by operation of law or otherwise, then upon renewal Respondent 101 Express Smog's
3 registration or license shall be subject to any and all terms and conditions of probation not
4 previously satisfied. Failure to maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the
5 period of probation shall also constitute a violation of probation.

6 9. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent 101 Express Smog shall pay the Bureau \$2,470.44
7 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of Accusation No. 79/20-15198.
8 Respondent 101 Express Smog shall make such payment as directed by the Bureau. Any
9 agreement for a scheduled payment plan shall require full payment to be completed no later than
10 six months before probation terminates. Respondent 101 Express Smog shall make payment by
11 check or money order payable to the Bureau and shall indicate on the check or money order that it
12 is for cost recovery payment for Accusation No. 79/20-15198. Any order for payment of cost
13 recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate
14 until full cost recovery payment has been made. The Bureau reserves the right to pursue any
15 other lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action
16 based upon the violation of probation.

17 10. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent
18 101 Express Smog's affected registration and/or license will be fully restored or issued without
19 restriction if Respondent 101 Express Smog meets all current requirements for registration or
20 licensure and has paid all outstanding fees, monetary penalties, or cost recovery owed to the
21 Bureau.

22 11. **License Surrender.** Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay
23 of invalidation or revocation, if Respondent 101 Express Smog ceases business operations or is
24 otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent 101 Express Smog
25 may request that the stay be vacated. Such request shall be made in writing to the Bureau. The
26 Director and the Bureau Chief reserve the right to evaluate Respondent 101 Express Smog's
27 request and to exercise discretion whether to grant the request or take any other action deemed
28 appropriate or reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal granting of the request, the

1 Director will vacate the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision.
2 Respondent 101 Express Smog may not petition the Director for reinstatement of the surrendered
3 registration and/or license, or apply for a new registration or license under the jurisdiction of the
4 Bureau at any time before the date of the originally scheduled completion of probation. If
5 Respondent 101 Express Smog applies to the Bureau for a registration or license at any time after
6 that date, Respondent 101 Express Smog must meet all current requirements for registration or
7 licensure and pay all outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to the Bureau and left outstanding at
8 the time of surrender.

9 12. **Actual Temporary STAR Invalidation.** The STAR Station certification issued
10 to Respondent 101 Express Smog is temporarily invalidated for 60 consecutive days beginning on
11 the effective date of the Decision and Order.

12 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT SANCHEZ**

13 IT IS ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 639930 issued to
14 Respondent Sanchez is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Sanchez's
15 license is placed on probation for four years on the following terms and conditions:

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17 comply with all federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all Bureau licenses held
18 by Respondent Sanchez.

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9 ACCEPTANCE

10 I am authorized to sign this stipulation on behalf of Respondent 101 Express Smog. I
11 have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
12 discussed it with my attorney, William D. Ferreira. I understand the stipulation and the effect it
13 will have on Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 295886 and Smog Check, Test
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19 DATED: 9/24/21



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21 SMOG
22 Respondent 101 Express Smog

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8 DATED:


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12 JORGE ARMANDO SANCHEZ
13 Respondent Sanchez

14 I have read and fully discussed with Respondents the terms and conditions and other
15 matters contained in this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and
16 content.

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18 DATED:

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22 WILLIAM D. FERREIRA
23 Attorney for Respondents

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ENDORSEMENT

This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is submitted for consideration by the
Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 9-24-21

Respectfully submitted,

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