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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Saints Place, LLC - Case No. DCC24-0002536-INV  
Order Adopting Stipulated Revocation of License and Order as Final Decision

Dear Mr. Sarkissian and Ms. Katchko:

Pursuant to section 11415.60 of the Government Code, attached please find a copy of the Department of Cannabis Control's Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as the Final Decision in the above-referenced matter involving Saints Place, LLC.

The Department's Order and Final Decision will be effective today, February 26, 2026. Pursuant to this Final Decision and its stipulated settlement, Saints Place, LLC has waived any right to reconsideration or appeal in this matter and to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smurr  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	)	CASE NO. DCC24-0002536-INV
	)	
<b>SAINTS PLACE, LLC;</b>	)	<b>ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND ORDER AS FINAL DECISION</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER SARKISSIAN, OWNER;</b>	)	
<b>JAMIE ALEFOSIO, OWNER</b>	)	
728 S. Vail Ave.	)	
Montebello, CA 90640	)	
	)	
Cannabis Microbusiness License	)	
No. C12-0000208-LIC	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

Pursuant to Government Code section 11415.60, the Department of Cannabis Control hereby adopts the attached Stipulated Revocation of License and Order as its Final Decision in this matter.

This Order and Final Decision shall become effective on February 26, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED, February 26, 2026.



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9 **BEFORE THE**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
13 **SAINTS PLACE LLC**  
14 **JAIME ALEFOSIO AND CHRISTOPHER**  
15 **SARKISSIAN, OWNERS;**  
16 **728 Vail Ave S.**  
17 **Montebello, CA 90640**  
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19 **Cannabis - Microbusiness License No. C12-**  
20 **0000208-LIC**  
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22 Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002536-INV  
**STIPULATED REVOCATION OF**  
**LICENSE AND ORDER**

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

25 **PARTIES**

26 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) is the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division  
27 of the Department of Cannabis Control (Department). Complainant brought this action solely in  
28 her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State  
of California, by Matthew S. Beasley, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Saints Place LLC (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Yelena  
Katchko, whose address is: 11835 W. Olympic Boulevard, East Tower, Suite 860E, Los Angeles,

1 CA 90064. Respondent is acting in this proceeding through Christopher Sarkissian, Owner and  
2 Manager of Respondent, and he has been designated and authorized by Saints Place LLC to enter  
3 into this agreement on behalf of Respondent.

4 3. On or about July 22, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis - Microbusiness License  
5 No. C12-0000208-LIC to Respondent. The Cannabis - Microbusiness License was last renewed  
6 on July 21, 2024, was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in  
7 Accusation No. DCC24-0002536-INV, expired on July 21, 2025, and has not been renewed.

8 **JURISDICTION**

9 4. Accusation No. DCC24-0002536-INV was filed before the Department, and is  
10 currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required  
11 documents were properly served on Respondent on February 28, 2025. Respondent timely filed a  
12 Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A true and correct copy of Accusation  
13 No. DCC24-0002536-INV is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

14 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

15 5. Respondent, through its authorized representative Christopher Sarkissian, has  
16 carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in  
17 Accusation No. DCC24-0002536-INV. Respondent, through its authorized representative  
18 Christopher Sarkissian, has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the  
19 effects of this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order.

20 6. Respondent, through its authorized representative Christopher Sarkissian, is fully  
21 aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and  
22 allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against it; the  
23 right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
24 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration  
25 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
26 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

27 7. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights to receive a copy of the Decision and  
28 Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail. Respondent agrees to receive a copy of the

1 Decision and Order in this matter via email at the following email address:

2 [csarkissian78@gmail.com](mailto:csarkissian78@gmail.com).

3 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
4 every right set forth above.

5 **CULPABILITY**

6 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation  
7 No. DCC24-0002536-INV, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline, and  
8 stipulate to revocation of Respondent's Cannabis - Microbusiness License No. C12-0000208-  
9 LIC.

10 10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of  
11 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual  
12 basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up its right to contest  
13 those charges.

14 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation it enables the Department to  
15 issue an order accepting the revocation of Respondent's Cannabis - Microbusiness License  
16 without further process.

17 **CONTINGENCY**

18 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Department. Respondent  
19 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Department may  
20 communicate directly with the Department regarding this stipulation and revocation, without  
21 notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent  
22 understands and agrees that Respondent may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the  
23 stipulation prior to the time the Department considers and acts upon it. If the Department fails to  
24 adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Revocation of License and Order  
25 shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action  
26 between the parties, and the Department shall not be disqualified from further action by having  
27 considered this matter.

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1 contained in Accusation No. DCC24-0002536-INV shall be deemed to be true, correct and  
2 admitted by Respondent when the Department determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

3 4. Respondent shall pay to the Department costs in the amount of twenty five thousand,  
4 three hundred and eighty three dollars and fourteen cents (\$25,383.14), associated with its  
5 investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031 and  
6 California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17813, should apply for a new commercial  
7 cannabis license or ownership interest in any new or existing commercial cannabis license.  
8 Respondent shall pay to the Department these costs within (15) days of applying for a new  
9 commercial cannabis license or acquiring an ownership interest in a new or existing commercial  
10 cannabis license with the Department

11 **ACCEPTANCE**

12 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Revocation of License and Order and have fully  
13 discussed it with my attorney, Yelena Katchko. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will  
14 have on my Cannabis - Microbusiness License. I enter into this Stipulated Revocation of License  
15 and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and  
16 Order of the Department of Cannabis Control.

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18 DATED: 02/11/2026

  
Chris Sark (Feb 11, 2026 11:14:45 PST)

SAINTS PLACE LLC

By: Christopher Sarkissian,  
Owner/Authorized Representative  
*Respondent*

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22 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent the terms and conditions and other matters  
23 contained in this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

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25 DATED: 02/11/2026



Yelena Katchko, Esq.  
*Attorney for Respondent*

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**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Revocation of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 2/11/26

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## **Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. DCC24-0002536-INV**

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14 **SARKISSIAN, OWNERS**  
15 **728 S. Vail Ave.**  
16 **Montebello, CA 90640**  
  
17 **Microbusiness Licensee No. C12-0000208-LIC**  
  
Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002536-INV  
**ACCUSATION**

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
20 as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control  
21 (Department).

22 2. On or about July 22, 2019, the Department issued Microbusiness License  
23 No. C12-0000208-LIC to Saints Place LLC (Respondent) with Jaime Alefosio and Christopher  
24 Sarkissian as Owners (Owners). The Microbusiness License was last renewed on July 21, 2024,  
25 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on  
26 July 21, 2025.

1 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

2 3. The Department issued an Emergency Decision and Order (EDO), pursuant to  
3 California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815 that was served on Respondent on February  
4 19, 2025, and was effective the same day at 10:00 a.m. The EDO suspended Respondent’s  
5 license and ordered Respondent to cease all commercial cannabis activity. The time to initiate  
6 adjudicative proceedings is within 10 days after issuance of the EDO, or by or on February 28,  
7 2025.

8 **JURISDICTION**

9 4. This Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the Department, under  
10 the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions  
11 Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

12 5. Section 26010 of the Code states:

13 There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the Department  
14 of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The director shall  
15 administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the department.

16 6. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

17 The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to  
18 regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division.

19 7. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

20 (a) It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this  
21 division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew,  
22 discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity.

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23 8. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states, in part:

24 The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as  
25 may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division  
26 in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of  
27 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. . . .

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1 13. Section 26160 of the Code states:

2 (a) A licensee shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity.

3 (b) All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by the  
4 department shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

5 (c) The department may examine the records of a licensee and inspect the  
6 premises of a licensee as the department, or a state or local agency, deems necessary  
7 to perform its duties under this division. All inspections and examinations of records  
8 shall be conducted during standard business hours of the licensed facility or at any  
9 other reasonable time. Licensees shall provide and deliver records to the department  
10 upon request.

11 (d) Licensees shall keep records identified by the department on the premises of  
12 the location licensed. The department may make any examination of the records of  
13 any licensee. Licensees shall also provide and deliver copies of documents to the  
14 department upon request.

15 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or  
16 interferes with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this  
17 section, has engaged in a violation of this division.

18 (f) If a licensee, or an agent or employee of a licensee, fails to maintain or  
19 provide the records required pursuant to this section, the licensee shall be subject to a  
20 citation and fine of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per individual violation.

21 14. Section 26161 of the Code states, in part:

22 (a) Every sale or transport of cannabis or cannabis products from one licensee  
23 to another licensee must be recorded on a sales invoice or receipt. Sales invoices and  
24 receipts may be maintained electronically and must be filed in such manner as to be  
25 readily accessible for examination by employees of the department or California  
26 Department of Tax and Fee Administration and shall not be commingled with  
27 invoices covering other commodities.

28 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

15. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.1, subdivision (b), states  
in part:

(b) Commercial cannabis activity shall only be conducted between licensees.  
Licensed retailers and licensed microbusinesses authorized to engage in retail sales  
may conduct commercial cannabis activity with customers or nonprofits in  
accordance with this division.

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1 16. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15044, states in part:

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3 (d) Areas that shall be recorded on the video surveillance system include the  
4 following:

5 (1) Areas where cannabis or cannabis products are weighed, packed, stored, loaded,  
6 and unloaded for transportation, prepared, or moved within the licensed premises;

7 (2) Limited-access areas;

8 (3) Security rooms;

9 (4) Areas storing a surveillance-system storage device with at least one camera  
10 recording the access points to the secured surveillance recording area; and

11 (5) Entrances and exits to the licensed premises, which shall be recorded from both  
12 indoor and outdoor vantage points.

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14 (h) Surveillance recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 90 calendar days.

15 (i) Surveillance recordings are subject to inspection by the Department and shall be  
16 kept in a manner that allows the Department to view and obtain copies of the recordings at  
17 the licensed premises immediately upon request. The licensee shall also send or otherwise  
18 provide copies of the recordings to the Department upon request within the time specified  
19 by the Department.

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21 17. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2, states in part:

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23 (b) All commercial cannabis activity shall be accurately recorded in the track  
24 and trace system.

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26 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15048.2, states:

27 (a) A licensee shall only use plant and package tags provided and distributed by  
28 the Department or the Department's designee.

(b) A licensee shall only use plant and package tags assigned in the track and  
trace system to that licensee and shall not transfer unused tags to any other licensee.

(c) A licensee shall maintain a sufficient supply of tags to support tagging in  
accordance with this chapter.

(d) Plant and package tags shall be discarded after they are no longer required  
for use.

1 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15049, states:

2 (a) All cannabis and cannabis products on the licensed premises shall be  
3 assigned a plant or package tag, as applicable, except for harvested plants that are  
4 being dried, cured, graded, or trimmed, as specified in this division, and recorded in  
5 the track and trace system.

6 (b) Each of the following activities shall be recorded in the track and trace  
7 system within 24 hours of occurrence:

8 (1) Receipt of cannabis or cannabis products.

9 (2) Rejection of transferred cannabis or cannabis products.

10 (3) Manufacturing of cannabis or cannabis products.

11 (4) Use of cannabis or cannabis product for internal quality control testing or  
12 product research and development.

13 (5) Destruction or disposal of cannabis or cannabis products.

14 (6) Packaging or repackaging of cannabis or cannabis products, except that  
15 cultivation licensees shall comply with section 15049.1(b)(5).

16 (7) Laboratory testing, including testing results.

17 (8) Sale or donation of cannabis or cannabis products.

18 (c) The following information shall be recorded in the track and trace system  
19 for each activity entered pursuant to subsection (b):

20 (1) The type of cannabis or cannabis products.

21 (2) The weight, volume, or count of the cannabis or cannabis products.

22 (3) The date of activity.

23 (4) The UID assigned to the cannabis or cannabis products.

24 (5) The brand name of the cannabis goods.

25 (6) If cannabis or cannabis products are being destroyed or disposed of, the  
26 licensee shall record the following information in the notes section:

27 (A) The name of the employee performing the destruction or disposal;

28 (B) The reason for destruction or disposal; and

(C) The method of disposal.

(d) If a package adjustment is used to adjust the quantity of cannabis or  
cannabis products in the track and trace system, the licensee shall include a  
description explaining the reason for adjustment.



1 21. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17216, states in part:

2 (a) A licensed manufacturer shall prepare a written batch production record  
3 every time a batch of a cannabis product is manufactured or a batch of cannabis or  
4 cannabis product is remediated. The batch production record shall accurately follow  
the appropriate master manufacturing protocol, and each step of the protocol shall be  
performed in the production of the batch.

5 (b) The batch production record shall document all the following information  
6 about each batch at the time the batch is produced or remediated:

7 (1) The licensee number or premises address of the facility at which the production  
8 occurred;

9 (2) The date each step of the master manufacturing protocol was performed and  
10 the initials of the employee performing each step;

11 (3) The identity and weight or measure of each component used in production of  
12 the batch;

13 (4) The specific equipment and processing lines used in producing or remediating  
14 the batch;

15 (5) A statement of the actual yield and the percentage difference from expected  
16 yield at appropriate phases of manufacturing as identified in the master manufacturing  
17 protocol;

18 (6) If the product quality plan identifies any monitoring needed to ensure product  
19 safety, the results of the monitoring action performed;

20 (7) An actual or representative label or other identification of the label to be used  
21 for the cannabis product;

22 (8) The actual quantity of the packages and labels used, and the difference from  
23 the expected quantity to be used, if the cannabis product will leave the manufacturing  
24 premises as a final form cannabis good;

25 (9) Documentation that quality control personnel:

26 (A) Reviewed the batch production record;

27 (B) Reviewed all required monitoring operation(s); and

28 (C) Either approved and released, or rejected, the finished cannabis product,  
including any remediated, repackaged or relabeled cannabis product;

(10) Documentation, at the time of performance, of any investigation identified in  
the product quality plan or master manufacturing protocol, including deviations from the  
expected yield or package and label count; and

(11) The UID and the batch or lot number of the finished batch of cannabis  
product and the UIDs of all cannabis or cannabis products used in the batch.

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1 22. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800, states:

2 (a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of  
3 inspection, investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

4 (1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

5 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or  
6 used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting  
7 commercial cannabis activity.

8 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products  
9 possessed by, in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for  
10 the purpose of conducting commercial cannabis activity.

11 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and  
12 employees.

13 (b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation  
14 pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline.  
15 This subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege  
16 guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any  
17 other constitutional or statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to  
18 require a licensee to cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive  
19 any constitutional or statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or  
20 other matters within an unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of  
21 the licensee's business. Any constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the  
22 licensee shall not be used against the licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary  
23 proceeding against the licensee.

24 (c) Prior notice of an inspection, investigation, review, or audit is not required.

25 (d) Any inspection, investigation, review, or audit of a licensed premises shall  
26 be conducted anytime the licensee is exercising privileges under the license, or as  
27 otherwise agreed to by the Department and the licensee or its agents, employees, or  
28 representatives.

(e) If the licensed premises is not accessible because access is only available by  
going through another licensed premises and the licensee occupying the other  
licensed premises denies the Department access, the licensees shall both be held  
responsible and subject to discipline.

### **COST RECOVERY**

23 23. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

24 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a  
25 disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon request,  
26 may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to exceed the  
27 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

28 (b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual  
costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated representative shall be  
prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case. The

1 costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the  
2 hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

3 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of  
4 reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to  
5 subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be  
6 reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The department may reduce or  
7 eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the proposed decision  
8 fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).

9 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
10 directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for repayment  
11 in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights  
12 the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

13 (e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall be  
14 conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

15 (f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or reinstate  
16 the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

17 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion,  
18 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who  
19 demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the  
20 department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the unpaid costs.

21 (g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for  
22 costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be available upon  
23 appropriation by the Legislature.

24 (h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the recovery  
25 of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

### 26 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

27 24. On or about December 19, 2024, the Department issued a product recall for cannabis  
28 distillate with Unique Identifier (UID) 1A406030005EDF9000001162 totaling 500 grams, due to  
the presence of Methylene Chloride, a residual solvent, and placed a hold in Respondent's  
METRC account for the product.

29 25. On or about December 20, 2024, Special Investigator (SI) Jeffrey Routsong  
30 (Routsong) conducted a preliminary review of Respondent's METRC account. The METRC  
31 account showed employee A.B. and Jamie Alefosio, Owner (Owner Alefosio) as the primary  
32 METRC account managers and users. According to Respondent's METRC records on that date,  
33 Respondent had 27 active packages in its METRC inventory, including cannabis distillate with  
34 the Unique Identifier (UID) 1A406030005EDF9000001162 totaling 500 grams.

1           26. In preparation for a regulatory compliance inspection of Respondent’s licensed  
2 premises, SI Routsong obtained a copy of Respondent’s most recent premises diagram from the  
3 Department’s licensing database Accela and compared Respondent’s METRC audit files and  
4 audit notes to Respondent’s real time inventory data. SI Routsong identified the recalled distillate  
5 UID 1A406030005EDF9000001162 in Respondent’s METRC inventory as well as discrepancies  
6 with Respondent’s inventory, wherein Respondent was recording large adjustments in plant  
7 inventory as “moisture loss.”

8           27. On February 4, 2025, SIs Routsong and Guadalupe Sanchez, Senior Environmental  
9 Scientists (SES) Eileen Del Rosario and Heather Despres, and Associate Governmental Program  
10 Analyst (AGPA) Robert Lopez, conducted a regulatory compliance inspection of Respondent’s  
11 licensed premises. During the inspection, Department staff were accompanied by Respondent’s  
12 Cultivation Manager, A.C.P.

13           28. SI Routsong asked A.C.P. to see the manufacturing section of the facility and identify  
14 the recalled distillate, UID 1A406030005EDF9000001162. The manufacturing section was not  
15 currently operational and although there was manufacturing equipment present, including vape  
16 cartridge filling machines and production tables, there was no manufacturing activity taking  
17 place. SI Routsong observed one jar of distillate labeled with UID  
18 1A4060300003E9D000074902, in storage. According to the METRC system, this jar of distillate  
19 had been entered into METRC by and belonged in the inventory of a different manufacturing  
20 licensee. A.C.P. did not know how the jar of distillate came into Respondent’s possession. SI  
21 Routsong conducted a walk-through of the licensed premises and was unable to locate the  
22 recalled distillate with UID 1A406030005EDF9000001162.

23           29. During the regulatory compliance inspection, two boxes of terpenes labeled with  
24 various flavors, vape cartridges that appeared to be in Research and Development, and five boxes  
25 of finished vape cartridges stored in a FedEx box were found in the room containing IT  
26 equipment and video surveillance monitors. Four of the five boxes containing vape cartridges  
27 were labeled with UID numbers not found in METRC records. The vape cartridge UID  
28 1A4050300014371000305535, strain name Green Crack, was associated with a cannabis business

1 license in the state of Michigan. The fifth box contained vape cartridges in mylar bags with “Hall  
2 of Fame” printed on each bag. There was no UID or testing information found within the fifth  
3 box or on any of the “Hall of Fame” units.

4 30. Inside the distribution area, several large tote bags containing bulk cannabis flower,  
5 shake, and trim were found. Some of the tote bags were labeled with strain names and other  
6 markings but were not tagged with UID labels. A search of the strain names in Respondent’s  
7 METRC account did not produce any corresponding records. The tote bags containing bulk  
8 cannabis flower that did have UID tags were, according to METRC, associated with a licensed  
9 cannabis cultivator. The METRC history of the plant tags from that cultivation licensee indicated  
10 that the associated harvest was recorded as “No Harvest” and showed no derived packages.

11 31. Cannabis was also found in a large walk-in freezer that was not shown on the licensed  
12 premises diagram on file with the Department. Inside the freezer, multiple large trash bags  
13 containing bulk fresh frozen cannabis flower was found. The trash bags were labeled with  
14 various strain names and other markings but none of the bulk fresh frozen cannabis in the walk-in  
15 freezer was labeled with UID tags. SI Routsong attempted to trace the bulk fresh frozen cannabis  
16 in Respondent’s METRC account, but no matching records were found.

17 32. Another room, adjacent to where the freezer was located, and that was also not  
18 identified in the premises diagram was found to contain tote bags filled with frozen bulk cannabis  
19 flower, trim, and shake. The tote bags were labeled with strain names and other markings but not  
20 any UID tags. SI Routsong attempted to trace the frozen bulk cannabis flower, trim, and shake in  
21 Respondent’s METRC account but no matching records were found. Department staff  
22 determined that all the cannabis and cannabis goods lacking representative UID tags or deemed to  
23 be potentially unsourced would be placed under embargo.

24 33. At approximately 1200 hours, A.B. arrived to assist with the inspection. When asked  
25 about the location of the recalled distillate with UID 1A406030005EDF9000001162, A.B. stated  
26 that “Brandon”, a contract employee who worked in both the distribution and manufacturing  
27 sections of the facility, must have been thrown away the recalled distillate after the Department  
28 placed its administrative hold. When asked whether there were any video surveillance records

1 documenting the destruction or disposal of the target distillate by “Brandon” A.B. responded,  
2 “No.”

3 34. A.B. was asked to, but could not provide or locate any UID tags, production batch  
4 records, and trim production records for the cannabis and cannabis goods identified as potentially  
5 unsourced during the inspection. SI Routsong then inquired about the presence of vape cartridges  
6 from a Michigan-licensed cannabis business, as well as the additional vape cartridges which  
7 lacked accompanying testing information. A.B. stated that she was unaware of these vape  
8 cartridges and did not know their origin. Department staff issued an Initial Embargo Notice for  
9 all of the unsourced cannabis. The embargoed cannabis and cannabis goods were placed in a  
10 storage areas that were equipped with surveillance cameras.

11 35. SI Routsong inspected the IT room where the surveillance system video monitors  
12 were displayed and requested that A.B. contact Respondent’s IT provider or any employee with  
13 access to the system. At the time, A.B. was unable to provide evidence of Respondent’s video  
14 surveillance system retention and was asked to submit proof of surveillance system retention,  
15 along with any batch production records, relevant UID tags, and master manufacturing protocols,  
16 by the close of business on February 5, 2025.

17 36. On or about February 5, 2025, A.B. informed SI Routsong that Respondent did not  
18 have the required retention equipment for its video surveillance system, that Respondent had  
19 ordered the necessary equipment, and that Respondent would let the Department know when the  
20 system was operating with 90-day retention.

21 37. At the time of the Emergency Decision and Order, Respondent had not provided the  
22 requested proof of surveillance system retention, batch production records, relevant UID tags, or  
23 master manufacturing protocols to the Department.

24 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 (Accurate Records in Track and Trace)

26 38. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030, subdivisions  
27 (a) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15047.2, subdivision (b), 15049,  
28 subdivisions (b), (b)(5), and (d), and 15049.2, in that Respondent removed cannabis distillate

1 from its California Cannabis Track and Trace System (CCTT ) inventory without any  
2 documentation or explanation and there were packages of cannabis in Respondent’s METRC  
3 inventory that were not found on the licensed premises during the regulatory compliance  
4 inventory, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 24 through 37, above, which are hereby  
5 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

6 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 (Maintaining Records, Use of UID Tags, and Recording in CCTT)

8 39. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
9 subdivisions (a) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15047.2, subdivision  
10 (b), 15048.2, 15049, and 15049.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent possessed cannabis that  
11 was not labeled, did not have UID tags, was not in its METRC Account, and/or was from out of  
12 state, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 24 through 37, above, which are hereby  
13 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

14 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 (Maintaining Records, Invoices and Receipts)

16 40. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
17 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and 26161, and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections  
18 17216, subdivisions (a) and (b), and 17800, in that Respondent failed to provide requested UID  
19 tags, batch production records, or master manufacturing protocols, as more particularly alleged in  
20 paragraphs 24 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if  
21 fully set forth herein.

22 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 (Video Surveillance)

24 41. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
25 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15044,  
26 subdivisions (d), (h), and (i), in that Respondent failed to provide video surveillance records as  
27 required and the video surveillance does not have the capability to maintain surveillance

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1 recordings for a minimum of 90 days, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 24 through 37,  
2 above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

3 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 (Commercial Cannabis Activity Conducted Between Licensees)

5 42. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
6 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26053, and California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15000.1,  
7 subdivision (b), in that Respondent conducted commercial cannabis activity with an entity, or  
8 entities, not licensed by the State of California, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 24  
9 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth  
10 herein.

11 **PRAYER**

12 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
13 and that the following the hearing, the Director issue a decision:

14 1. Revoking or suspending outright or suspending with terms and conditions or fining or  
15 any combination thereof, the Cannabis Microbusiness License Number C12-0000208-LIC, issued  
16 to Saints Place LLC with Jaime Alefosio and Christopher Sarkissian as Owners;

17 2. Ordering Respondent Saints Place LLC with Jaime Alefosio and Christopher  
18 Sarkissian as Owners to pay the Department of Cannabis Control the reasonable costs of the  
19 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
20 26031.1;

21 3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis goods in the possession of  
22 Respondent Saints Place, LLC, with Jaime Alefosio and Christopher Sarkissian as Owners, at  
23 Respondent's expense if revocation of Microbusiness License Number C12-0000208-LIC is  
24 ordered, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1, subdivision (a); and

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4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: February 28, 2025

Evelyn Schaeffer Digitally signed by Evelyn Schaeffer  
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EVELYN SCHAEFFER  
Deputy Director of the Compliance  
Division  
Department of Cannabis Control  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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## PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Name: In the Matter of Accusation Against: Saints Place, LLC  
DCC Case No. DCC24-0002536-INV  
License No. C12-0000208-LIC, Microbusiness

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On February 26, 2026, I served the within documents:

### ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND ORDER AS FINAL DECISION

- VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the person(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
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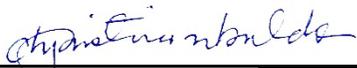
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on February 26, 2026, at Rancho Cordova, California.

  
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