



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette
Attn: Hodari Makaklani Sababu
[REDACTED]

File: TCP 28884-S (Active)
Citation #: T.2025-11-007
Date: November 25, 2025
Case #: CSE-000626

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited for having violated sections of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a California Public Utilities Commission General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred from January 1, 2025, through October 28, 2025.

- (1) Engaged employee-drivers without evidence of Workers' Compensation (WKCP) insurance in effect and on file with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5378.1 **[3 counts]**;
- (2) Failed to maintain and enroll drivers in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice Program (EPN) in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-E, Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 1808.1 **[2 counts]**;
- (3) Failed to enroll drivers in a mandatory Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing (CSAT) Certification Program for Pre-Employment Testing in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(I) and G.O. 157-E, Part 10 **[3 counts]**;
- (4) Failed to maintain a current equipment list with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381 and 5411 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.01 **[1 count]**;
- (5) Failed to display the Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) number and authorized suffix of its permit on a vehicle in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5385 and 5411.3 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.04 **[1 count]**; and

- (6) Failed to state the TCP number and authorized suffix of its permit in advertisements to the public for services in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5386 and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.07 **[2 counts]**.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

TEB used the Penalty Assessment Methodology adopted in Resolution M-4846 and considered mitigating and exacerbating factors in setting the fine.

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before December 15, 2025. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$7,000 pursuant to Pub. Util. P.U. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to CPUC using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund, and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, **or**
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an Appeal. See attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal*."

If you fail to respond by December 15, 2025, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the Citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

Shirley Lei

Shirley Lei
Program and Project Supervisor
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Telephone number (415) 231-9111
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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated November 25, 2025, and herewith pay the fine of \$7,000.

Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette
Attn: Hodari Makaklani Sababu



(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Payment (cashier's check or money order) should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Fiscal Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette
Doing business as LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours
General Partnership

PARTNERS: Hodari Makaklani Sababu, General Partner
Lynette Baker, Silent Partner

AUTHORITY: TCP 28884-S (Active)

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE / EMAIL: [REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 3

EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS: 3

PL&PD INSURANCE: New York Marine And General Insurance Company
Policy #: [REDACTED]
Effective Date: August 13, 2025

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: State Compensation Insurance Fund
Policy Number: [REDACTED]
Effective Date: September 5, 2025

DRUG CONSORTIUM: New Era Drug Testing

INTRODUCTION

On July 31, 2025, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette doing business as LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours (hereinafter referred to as LA Hood) because the Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) received a complaint from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The complaint alleged that LA Hood owner Hodari Makalani Sababu (Mr. Sababu) operated a 1967 Chevrolet (license plate [REDACTED]) in Los Angeles on July 18, 2025. However, the 1967 Chevrolet (license plate [REDACTED]) was not on its equipment list and did not display its Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) number (28884-S) [Attachment 1].

VIOLATIONS

I investigated LA Hood from January 1, 2025, to October 28, 2025, and found violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.). Code and a California Public Utilities Commission General Order (G.O.):

- **Engaged employee-drivers without evidence of Workers' Compensation (WKCP) insurance in effect and on file with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5378.1. [3 counts]**

On August 21, 2025, I emailed a data request for waybills from July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025, to Mr. Sababu at [REDACTED]. On September 15, 2025, I received waybills from Mr. Sababu's proxy, [REDACTED], at [REDACTED] [Attachment 2].

These waybills showed that employee-drivers [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drove for LA Hood during the period between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025 [Table 1]. However, records of the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch (TLAB) show that LA Hood did not hold a WKCP Insurance Policy during the period from July 1, 2025, to September 5, 2025.

- **Failed to maintain and enroll drivers in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice (EPN) Program in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-E, Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section**

1808.1. [2 counts]

On August 8, 2025, I looked up LA Hood's DMV EPN requestor code, [REDACTED] and confirmed that LA Hood had not enrolled [REDACTED] in its DMV EPN Program [Attachment 3]. Its waybills, however, show that both drove for LA Hood during the period from July 1, 2025, to July 31, 2025 [Table 1].

- **Failed to enroll drivers in a mandatory Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing (CSAT) Certification Program for Pre-Employment Testing in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(I) and G.O. 157-E, Part 10. [3 counts]**

On August 29, 2025, I emailed a data request to New Era Drug Testing Program Consultant [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], requesting the list of drivers enrolled in LA Hood's CSAT Program. On September 4, 2025, [REDACTED] responded that only Mr. Sababu had been enrolled in LA Hood's CSAT Program since January 1, 2025 [Attachment 4]. However, waybills show that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drove for LA Hood during the period between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025 [Table 1].

- **Failed to maintain a current equipment list with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381 and 5411 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.01. [1 count]**

LA Hood's waybills show that [REDACTED] drove a 2009 Ford (license plate 31393J3) for LA Hood between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025 [Table 1]. However, TLAB records show that the 2009 Ford (license plate [REDACTED]) had not been on its equipment list until September 9, 2025.

Table 1: Trips Completed by LA Hood (7/1/25–7/31/25)

Driver's Name	License Plate	Trip Dates	EPN	CSAT	WKCP
██████████	██████████	7/1/25, 7/3/25–7/5/25, 7/7/25, 7/16/25–7/19/25, 7/25/25, 7/26/25, 7/30/25, 7/31/25	Yes	No	No
██████████	██████████	7/8/25, 7/10/25–7/13/25, 7/15/25, 7/20/25, 7/22/25, 7/27/25–7/29/25	No	No	No
██████████	██████████	7/23/25, 7/24/25	No	No	No

- **Failed to display the Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) number and authorized suffix of its permit on a vehicle in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5385 and 5411.3 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.04. [1 count]**

On September 18, 2025, during a joint field operation with the Hollywood Division of the LAPD, I observed that the 2009 Ford (license plate ██████████) did not display its TCP number correctly [Attachment 5].

- **Failed to state the TCP number and suffix of its permit in advertisements to the public for services in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5386 and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.07. [2 counts]**

On September 12, 2025, I observed that LA Hood advertised its services on Facebook and Instagram without stating its TCP number. On October 21, 2025, I emailed Mr. Sababu, requesting that LA Hood add its TCP number to its commercial Facebook and Instagram

accounts by October 24, 2025. To date, LA Hood has failed to add its TCP number to either platform [**Attachment 6**].

DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and, to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on November 25, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

Evan Schwartz

Evan Schwartz, TEB Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- Attachment 1.** Police Report, Observation Photos, and LA Hood's Written Advertisements (7/18/25)
- Attachment 2.** Representative Waybills (7/1/25 – 7/31/25)
- Attachment 3.** DMV EPN Driver List (8/8/25)
- Attachment 4.** Data Request to and Response from CSAT Program Consultant (8/29/25, 9/4/25)
- Attachment 5.** 2009 Ford [REDACTED] Improperly Displaying TCP Number (9/18/25)
- Attachment 6.** Request to Add TCP Number to Online Advertisements (9/12/25, 10/21/25, 10/28/25)

Attachment 1

Police Report, Observation Photos, and LA Hood's Written Advertisements (7/18/25)

CONTINUATION SHEET

Los Angeles Police Department

PAGE NO. 2		TYPE OF REPORT Complaint Application				BOOKING NO.		DR NO.	
ITEM NO.	QU AN	ARTICLE	SERIAL NO	BRAND	MODEL NO.	MISC DESCRIPTION (EG. COLOR, SIZE, DESCRIPTIONS, CALIBER, REVOLVER, ETC)			DOLLAR VALUE
<p>Business: L.A. Hood Life Tours LLC TCP28884 Phone [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Driver: Sababu, Hodari Makalant [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Location of occurrence: 6326 Hollywood Blvd</p> <p>Expertise:</p> <p>My Partners, Officer Madjd #42075, Officer Peccoraro #43580 and I, Officer Heale #40774, have attended multiple training classes provided by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on their rules and regulations for commercial vehicles. We have also received additional training provided by officers that specialize in commercial vehicle enforcement on requirements for commercial vehicles to operate. We have also received multiple roll call training regarding rules and regulations for commercial vehicles.</p> <p>Source of Activity:</p> <p>On 07/18/2025 at approx. 1350 hours my partners (Ofcr Madjd #42075 and Ofcr Peccoraro #43580) and I (Ofcr Heale #40774) were assigned to Hollywood Division. We were in full police uniform and driving a marked black and white police vehicle. We were travelling W/B on Hollywood Blvd from Ivar Ave when we observed a Black Chevrolet Impala low rider (Lic# [REDACTED]) parking in front of 6326 Hollywood Blvd with no TCP number displayed on the vehicle (General Order 157-D 4.04 TCP/CPUC). [REDACTED]</p> <p>Investigations:</p> <p>My partners and I observed a Black 1967 Chevrolet Impala [REDACTED] marked W/B in front of 6326 Hollywood Blvd with not TCP number on the vehicle. We conducted at a traffic stop on the 1967 Chevrolet Impala [REDACTED] the driver (Hodari Sababu) stated he was giving them a free tour because they bought a bus tour. At the time of the stop, we observed several people sitting in the front passenger seat and the back seat of the Chevrolet Impala. Witness #1 ([REDACTED]) stated they paid \$200.00 to go on a bus tour with LA Hood Life Tours and a low rider tour (Chevrolet Impala). [REDACTED] stated the low rider tours is advertised on the LA Hood Life Tours website (lahoodlifetours.com). Witness 1 was seated in the back passenger seat. Witness 2 [REDACTED] was seated in the back driver side seat and Witness 3 [REDACTED] was seat in the front passenger seat.</p> <p>Photos/Video Recording/DICV/Digital Imaging:</p> <p>BWV was activated for the incident. Attached are photos of LA Hood Life Tour website and of the Chevrolet Impala.</p>									

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Additional:

The vehicle information returns to [REDACTED]

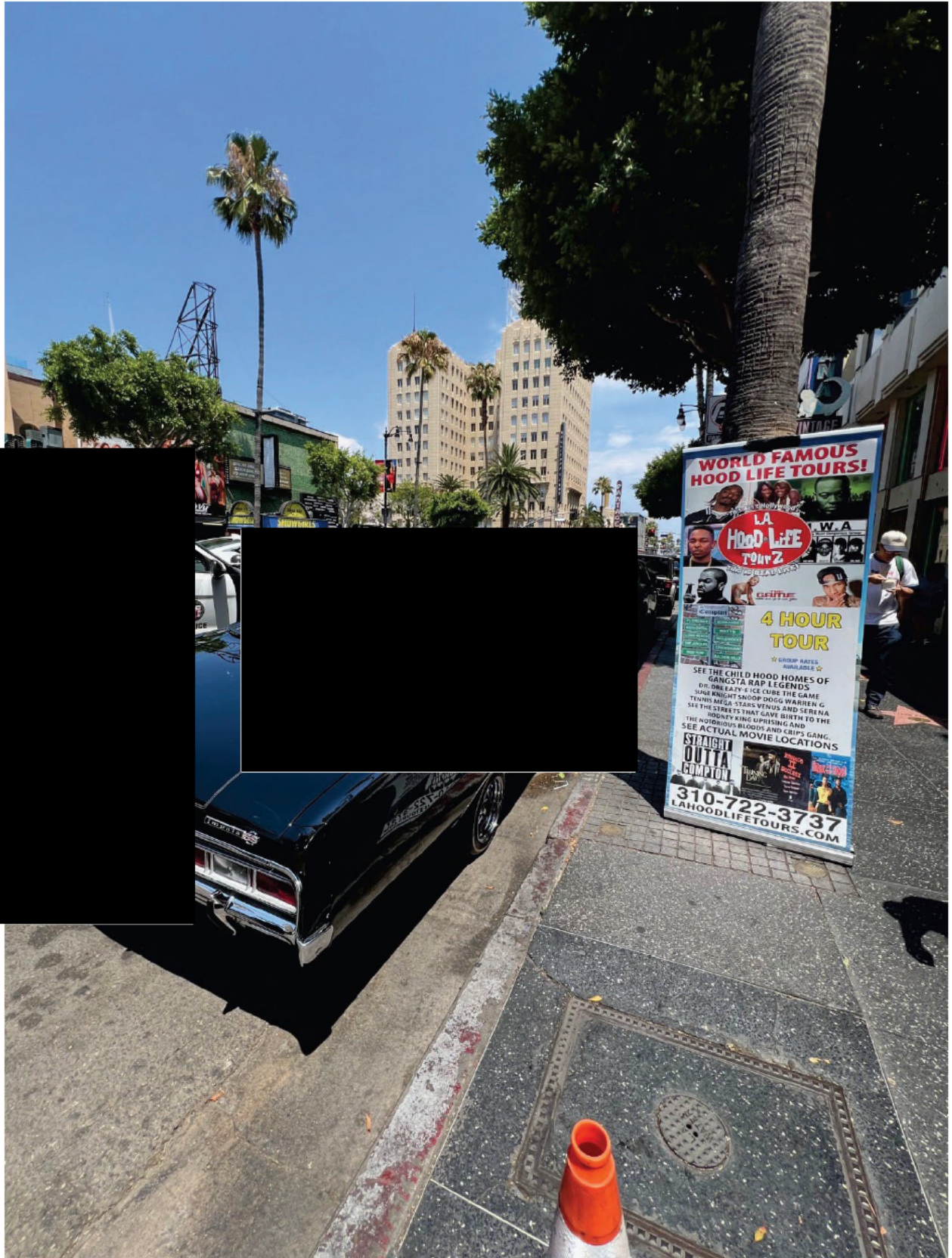


Court Info:

My partners and I can both testify to the statements in this report.









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L.A. Hood Life Tour 



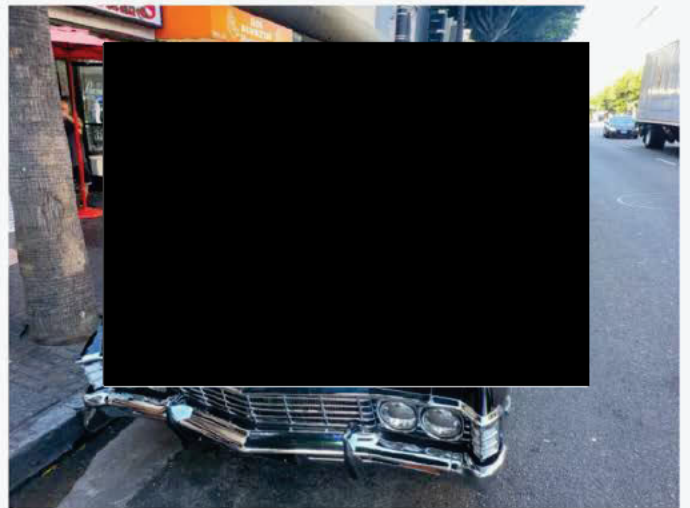
lahoodlifetours.com



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Call:



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L.A. Hood Life Tour 



lahoodlifetours.com





Attachment 2
Representative Waybills (7/1/25 — 7/31/25)

DBA: LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours

TCP 28884-S

License Plate

Date Arranged:

Phone:

Number of Passengers:

Additional Passengers Names:

Flight Information:

Airline: Flight# ETA: Destination

Pick up From:

Drop Off:

Special Instructions or Passenger Request:

DBA: LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours

TCP 28884-S

License Plate

Passenger Information:

Date Arranged:

Phone: _____

Passengers:

7/8/25

Pick up From: _____

Drop Off: _____

Special Instructions or Passenger Request:

DBA: LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours



Flight Information: _____

Airline: _____ Flight# _____ ETA: _____ Destination _____

Pick up From: _____

Drop Off: _____

Special Instructions or Passenger Request:

Attachment 3
Driver List from DMV EPN Program (8/8/25)

8/8/25, 3:52 PM

Driver List

Add Date	Delete Date	Status
06/19/2018		Enrolled
06/19/2018		Enrolled
06/19/2018		Enrolled
06/16/2017		Enrolled

Attachment 4
Data Request to and Response from CSAT Program Consultant (8/29/25, 9/4/25)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



August 29, 2025

File: TCP 28884-S

Case: CSE-000626

VIA EMAIL

New Era Drug Testing

The California Public Utilities Commission's records show New Era Drug Testing as the controlled substances and alcohol testing certification program for Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette dba LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours.

Please provide the following information from your records relating to Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette dba LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours:

- A list of all driver(s) enrolled under this carrier's contract and their enrollment date(s) between January 1, 2025, to the present,
- A list of all driver(s) removed from this carrier's contract and their date(s) of removal between January 1, 2025, to the present, and
- The status of this carrier's contract.

Please provide the documents requested above in electronic form and email a copy to Evan.Schwartz@cpuc.ca.gov by September 8, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 213-831-6636. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Evan Schwartz

Evan Schwartz

Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst I
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission

[EXTERNAL] RE: Data Request for Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing - TCP 28884-S / Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette dba LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours / CSE-626

From NewEra [REDACTED]
Date Thu 9/4/2025 4:47 PM
To Schwartz, Evan <Evan.Schwartz@cpuc.ca.gov>

2 attachments (162 KB)
Certificate of Enrollment.pdf; Active Employee List.pdf;

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Hello Evan

- A list of all driver(s) enrolled under this carrier's contract and their enrollment date(s) between January 1, 2025, to the present,
Attached is the active employee list.
- A list of all driver(s) removed from this carrier's contract and their date(s) of removal between January 1, 2025, to the present, and
N/A
- The status of this carrier's contract.
Currently actively enrolled with 1 driver. Attached is the certificate of enrollment.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank You,

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Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs

LA Hood Life Tours
Hodari Sababu

List of Active Employees in Random Pool

First Name	Last Name
Hodari Makalani	Sababu

Attachment 5

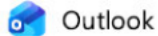
2009 Pink Ford Bus [REDACTED] Improperly Displaying TCP Number (9/18/25)



Attachment 6
Request to Add TCP Number to Advertisements (9/12/25, 10/21/25, 10/28/25)

10/28/25, 11:28 AM

[EXTERNAL] Re: Due 10/24: Please Enroll Drivers in CSAT, Provide Waybill for Date of Operation (7/18), and Cease and Desist f...



[EXTERNAL] Re: Due 10/24: Please Enroll Drivers in CSAT, Provide Waybill for Date of Operation (7/18), and Cease and Desist from Advertising Chevrolet Impala - TCP 28884-S / Makalani Hodari and Baker Lynette dba LA Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours / CSE-626

From hodari sababu [REDACTED]
Date Tue 10/21/2025 3:08 PM
To Schwartz, Evan <Evan.Schwartz@cpuc.ca.gov>
Cc [REDACTED] Lei, Shirley <shirley.lei@cpuc.ca.gov>

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Will have items requested in your email by tomorrow, 10.22.25.

On Tue, Oct 21, 2025, 3:03 PM Schwartz, Evan <Evan.Schwartz@cpuc.ca.gov> wrote:
Hello Mr. Sababu,

By 10/24, please add TCP identification ("TCP 28884-S") to the places where you are advertising LA Hood Life & Hip Tour's services. This includes, but is not limited to LA Hood Life & Hip Tour's [FaceBook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Please note that this is in addition to my below request, also due on 10/24.

Thank you.

Evan Schwartz
Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst I
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
Cell: 213-831-6636

Instagram



lahoodlifetours

Follow

Message



95 posts

2,278 followers

518 following

Hodari Sababu

Product/service

LA Hood Life Hip Hop Tours is a unique experience through the streets of south central Los Angeles passing famous movie... more

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facebook

Email or phone

Password

Log In

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L.A. Hood Life & Hip Hop Tours

2.3K followers • 2 following

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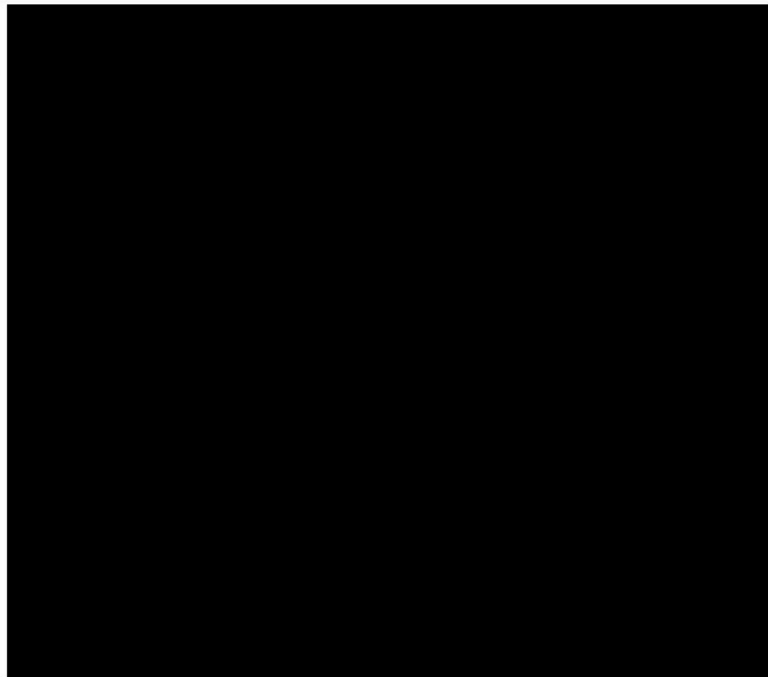
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Intro

L.A. Hood Life Hip Hop Tours is a unique experience through the colorful streets of south central Los Angeles and beyond. From music to

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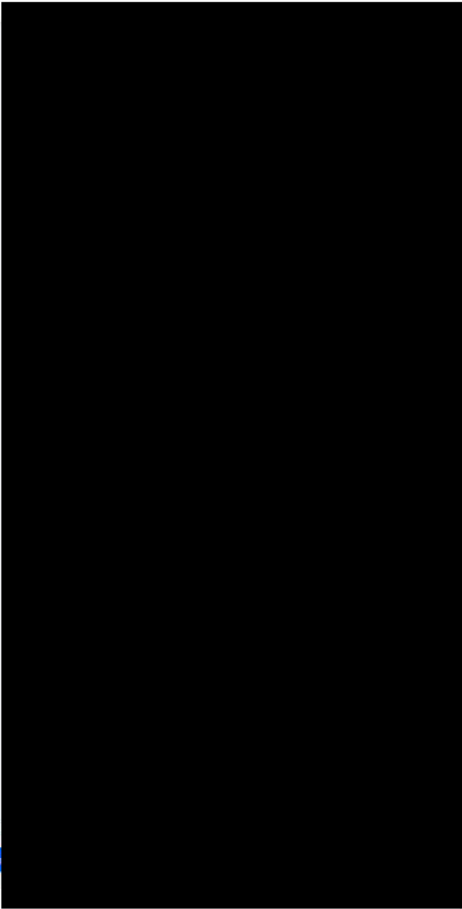
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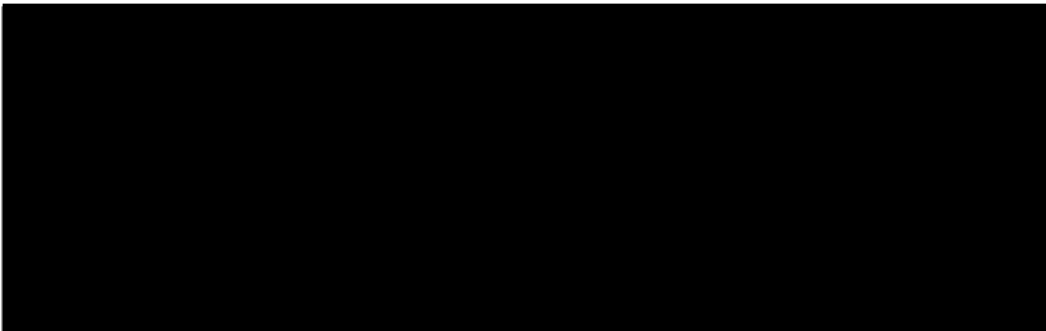
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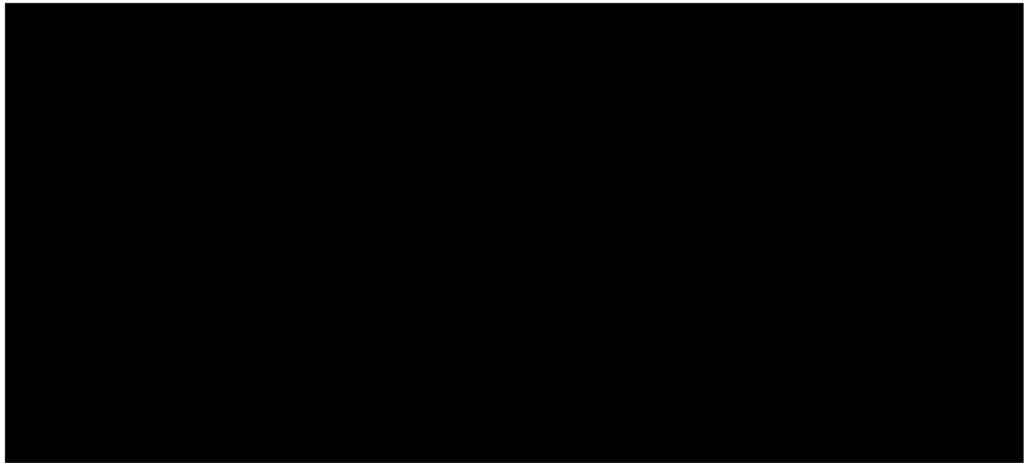
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