



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Bay Area Party Bus

File: TCP (Unlicensed)

ATTN: Mario Gonzalez

Date: July 29, 2025

[REDACTED]

Citation #: T.2025-07-013

[REDACTED]

Case #: CSE-366

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) 5411 and 5414.5 of the Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period from December 12, 2024 through July 23, 2025.

- (1) Bay Area Party Bus was found advertising illegally in violation of the Public. Util. Code Sections 5411 and 5414.5 [3 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 August 17, 2025. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$3,000 pursuant to P.U. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission 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 August 17, 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.

Rahmon Momoh

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Attachments



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

File No.: Unlicensed

Citation #: T.2025-07-013

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated July 29, 2025, and herewith pay the fine of \$ 3,000.

Mario Gonzalez

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Automatic credit and debit card payments are available. To arrange for autopay, fill out the attached CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION form and email it to our Fiscal Office at FiscalOffice-.TECitations@cpuc.ca.gov.

Or

Payment (cashier 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: Bay Area Party Bus

OWNERS: Mario Gonzalez

AUTHORITY: Unlicensed

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE / EMAIL: [REDACTED]

VEHICLE: N/A

EMPLOYEE DRIVERS: N/A

**PL&PD
INSURANCE:** N/A

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
INSURANCE:** N/A

DRUG CONSORTIUM: N/A

REVENUE:	Year	Revenue
	2022	N/A
	2023	N/A
	2024	N/A

INTRODUCTION

On December 24, 2024, I was assigned to investigate Bay Area Party Bus due to its 2007 Ford Party Bus (license plate [REDACTED]), observed operating and advertising without authority at a Levi's Stadium Joint Operation with the Santa Clara Police Department on December 12, 2024.

VIOLATIONS

The investigation for December 12, 2024, through July 22, 2025, disclosed violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and Commission General Order (G.O.):

- **Bay Area Party Bus was found advertising illegally in violation of the Public. Util. Code Sections 5411 and 5414.5 [3 counts].**

On December 12, 2024, Transportation Enforcement Analyst (TEB) Shirley Lei issued an Inspection Observation Report and a Notice to Cease-and-Desist to driver [REDACTED] CDL: [REDACTED] [Attachment 1]. The driver, [REDACTED], called the owner (Mario Gonzalez), and he spoke with Enforcement Analyst Shirley Lei. During this call, Enforcement Analyst Shirley Lei informed Mario Gonzalez, owner of Bay Area Party Bus, of the violation and instructed him to cease operating and advertising without authority. On June 17, 2025, I searched the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Portal and verified that the Ford Party Bus (license plate [REDACTED]) is registered to Mario Gonzalez [Attachment 2]. On June 17, 2025, I found Bay Area Party Bus advertising on its party bus (including name, phone number, and social media handle) on Instagram and Facebook. As of July 17, 2025, Bay Area Party Bus is still actively advertising on Instagram [Attachments 3].

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 July 23, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

Mary Sekyi-Appiah

Mary Sekyi-Appiah, TEB Enforcement Analyst

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- **Attachment 1 --**
 - A** – Inspection Observation Report (12/12/2024)
 - B** – Notice to Cease-and-Desist (12/12/2024)
- **Attachment 2** – DMV Portal Screenshot for License Plate [REDACTED] (06/17/2025)
- **Attachment 3 --**
 - A** – Advertisement on Bay Area Party Bus (12/12/2024)
 - B** – Advertisement on Facebook (06/18/2025)
 - C** – Advertisement on Instagram (07/08/2025)
 - D** – Advertisement on Instagram (07/17/2025)

Attachment 1A – Inspection Observation Report (12/12/2024)

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT

Location: LCUJ Investigator: ALJ Date: 12/12/24

Carrier: Bay Area Party Bus Carrier PSC/TCP# _____
DBA: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Prime carrier: ALJ Prime carrier PSC/TCP# _____

Driver: Mario Gonzalez CDL# _____ CDL Class: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Relationship with Carrier: ☐ Owner ☐ Employee ☐ Sub-carrier ☐ Other
Years w/company: _____ ☐ Carrier has workers' compensation insurance.

License Plate #: _____ VIN #: _____ Seats: _____
☐ Modified Limo ☐ Limo ☐ Van ☐ Bus

Registered Owner: _____
Address same as: ☐ Carrier / ☐ Driver
Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____

Vehicle Markings TCP # not shown on ☐ front bumper / ☐ rear bumper
☐ PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle * ☐ Carrier's name not on side of vehicle *

*except for vehicles = 15 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days

Waybill: ☐ No waybill ☐ Incomplete waybill (List missing items in comments)
☐ Vehicle not listed with PUC ☐ Vehicle not listed as being modified
Other: ☐ Vehicle license plate not listed with PUC ☐ License plate does not match VIN
☐ License plate does not match what is listed with PUC ☐ No Violation

Violation(s): ☒ Yes, as noted above and in comments below ☐ Possible Workers' Compensation Insurance Violation

Comments: - operating without Authority

Signature and Title _____
Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines.
*** IF DRIVER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER ***

Attachment 1B – Notice to Cease-and-Desist (12/12/2024)


NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 12/12/24
Carrier: Bay Area Party Bus
TCP number, if any: License [Redacted] Status: Not license

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has determined that you are operating without valid authority.

YOUR COMPANY MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST FROM ANY AND ALL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, UNTIL YOU MEET ALL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RECEIVE VALID OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM THE CPUC.

ANY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, WHILE OPERATING IN A SUSPENDED, CANCELLED, REVOKED, OR DENIED STATE IS UNLAWFUL.

This letter places your company on notice that any activity without the required permit or certificate is a violation and may result in civil or criminal prosecutions, possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service. To acknowledge receipt of this notice, please call 800-894-9444 within 5 business days of receipt.

☒ **OPERATION WITHOUT AUTHORITY**
Public Utilities Code Sections 537.1 and 538.1 (TCP) Section 1031 (PSC). - Circle One

☐ **OPERATION AFTER: SUSPENSION/REVOCATION/EXPIRATION/DENIAL OF AUTHORITY**
Public Utilities Code Section 537.9 (TCP) Section 1045 (PSC). - Circle One

☐ **ADVERTISEMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY**
Public Utilities Code Section 5414.5 (TCP) Section 1037 (PSC). - Circle One

Signature _____ TITLE _____

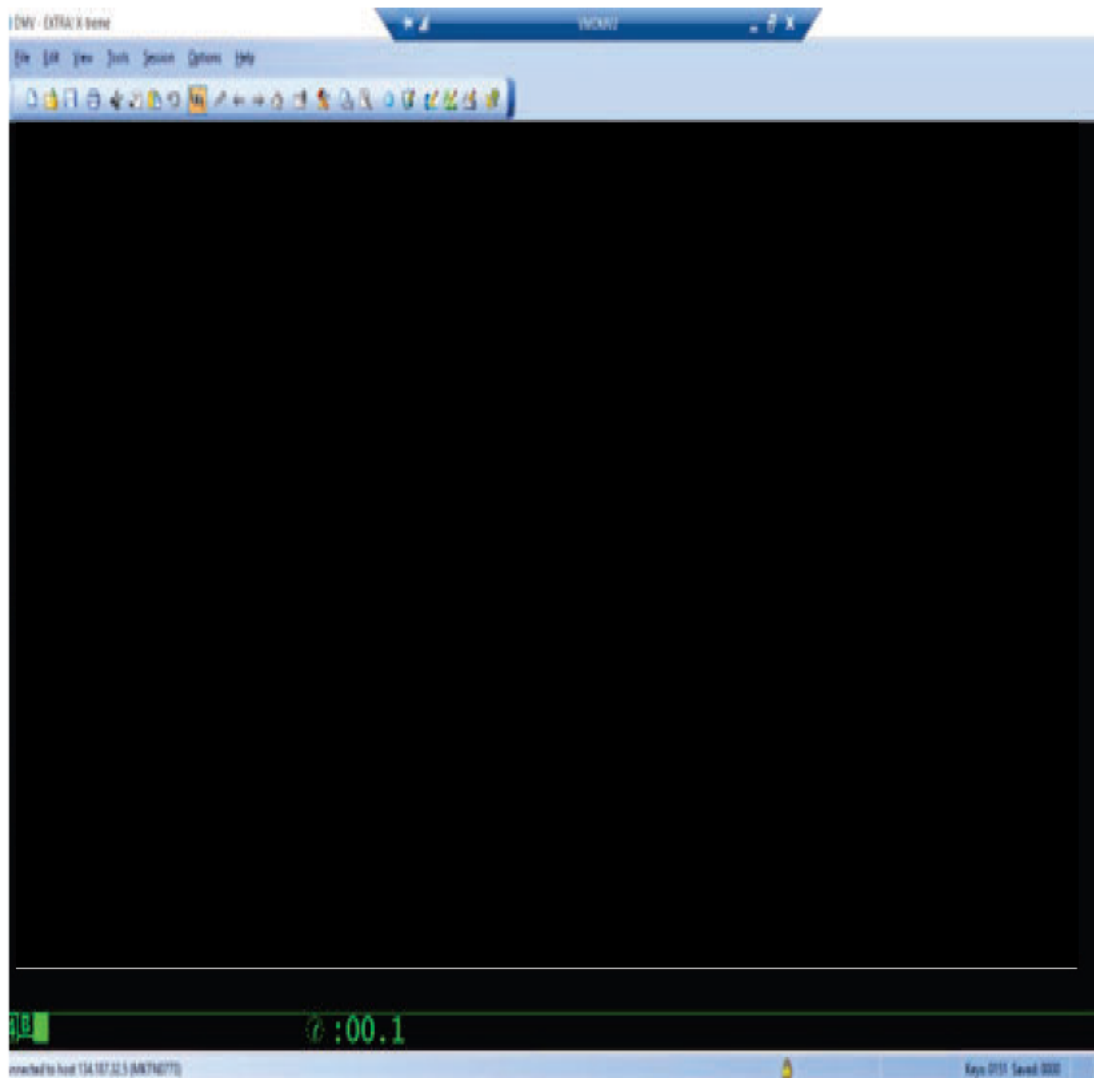
*****IF DRIVER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, DRIVER IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER*****

COMMENTS: Operating without Authority

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.

[Redacted]
Enforcement Analyst Signature

Attachment 2 – DMV Portal Screenshot for License Plate 87684L2 (6/17/25)



Attachment 3A – Advertisement on Bay Area Party Bus (12/12/2024)



Attachment 3B – Advertisement on Facebook (06/18/2025)

3/18/25, 1:22 PM

(6) Marketplace - 2014 Ford party bus | Facebook

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2014 Ford party bus

\$150

Listed
48 weeks ago
in Santa Rosa, CA

 Send seller a message

Hi, is this available?

Send

Save

Share

About this vehicle

-  Driven 65,000 miles
-  Automatic transmission
-  Exterior color: Black · Interior color: Black

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6/18/25, 1:22 PM

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Seller's description

Hi if your interested in a party bus rental message me. I offer the best rates in town and if you wa... See more

Santa Rosa, CA

Location is approximate

Seller information

[Seller details](#)



Carlos Gonzalez



Joined Facebook in 2017

https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/3930274177251489/?ref=category_feed&referral_code=null&referral_story_type=post&tracking=browse_... 2/2

Attachment 3C – Advertisement on Instagram (07/08/2025)

7/8/25, 10:07 AM

(9) Instagram



partybusbayarea



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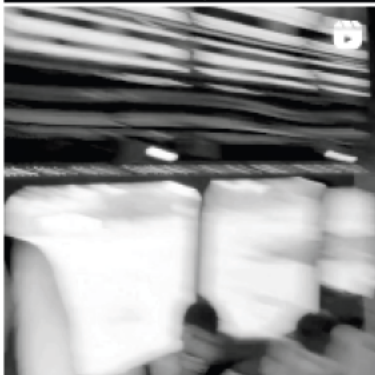
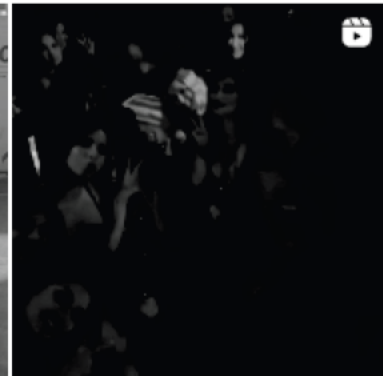
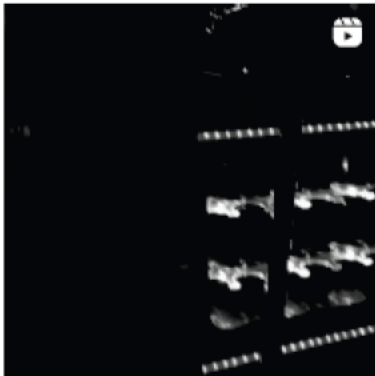
Bay Area party bus.

For party bus inquiries DM me. We offer wine tasting, party events, sports events, quinceaneras and much more.

12
posts

150
followers

145
following



<https://www.instagram.com/partybusbayarea/>

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Attachment 3D – Advertisement on Instagram (07/17/2025)

7/17/25, 11:25 AM

(9) Instagram



partybusbayarea



partybusbayarea

Follow



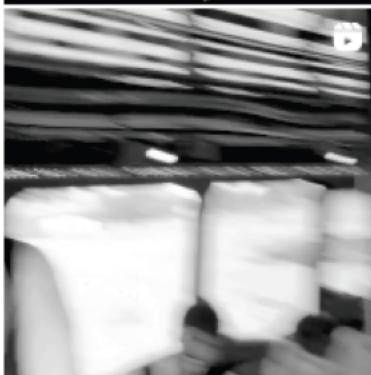
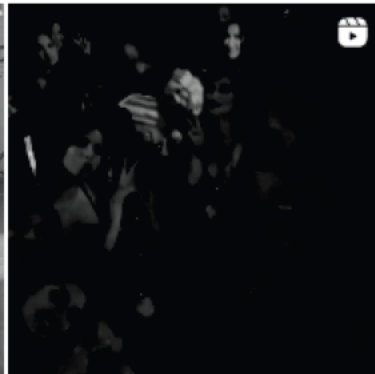
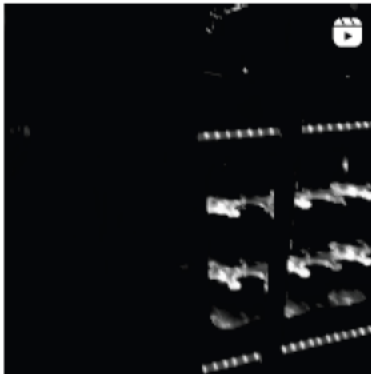
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