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ADR-0005: Production deploys are performed by CI after gates, not by platform git hooks

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Why production is deployed by CI after every required check passes, never by a platform's git hook.

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Context

After the repo moved to the org, the Vercel/Render GitHub Apps silently lost access and production stayed on v1.0.0 with nothing alerting us. Platform git hooks also deploy regardless of CI results, and a version-string check cannot prove which build is live.

Decision

`deploy-production.yml` deploys on push to main only after every required check on that exact SHA succeeds. Render is triggered by a deploy hook pinned to the SHA (`ref=`); the API must report that SHA (`/api/health.commit`). The web build is deployed unaliased, smoke-tested, then promoted; a failed public smoke rolls back automatically. The release tag is created only after a verified deploy. Platform auto-deploys are turned off after cutover.

Consequences

A deploy is observable, ordered, and provable. Secrets live in the GitHub production environment. The Render/Vercel GitHub Apps are still required (Render clones the repo to build; Vercel previews). Render rollback remains a documented manual step.

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