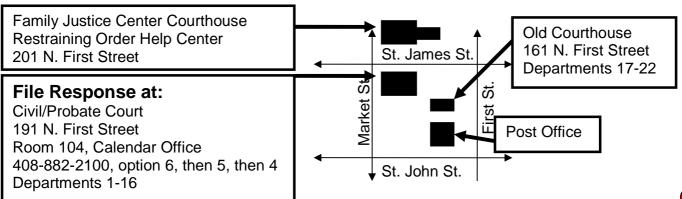
Were You Served with a Civil Harassment Restraining Order?

Step 1	Complete the following forms in blue or black ink:					
•	CH-120 Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders					
	☐ MC-025 Additional page (only if you need more space to tell your side of the story)					
Step 2	Review: Bring your completed forms to the Restraining Order Help Center at 201 N. First Street, San Jose, CA to have them reviewed to make sure they are filled out correctly. Then make 2 copies in addition to the original.					
Step 3 There is a filing fee,	File: Turn your forms into the Court Specialist in the Calendar Office located at: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 The Clerk's Office opens at 8:30am Monday-Friday, closing times are subject to change, visit www.scscourt.org or call 408-882-2100 for current office hours.					
unless the fee is waived.	☐ If you are asking for a fee waiver, your file-stamped copies may be returned immediately, OR you may be asked to return in up to 24 hours, OR your file stamped forms may be mailed to you. Please check with the clerk who takes your forms. ☐ If you are paying the filing fee, the clerk will keep the original and return your file-stamped					
	copies to you immediately.					
Step 4	Service: After the filed copies are returned to you:					
	Keep for your records—1 filed copy					
	• Serve: At least 2 calendar days before the court date serve 1 filed copy of your <i>Response</i> by mail on the other party. " <i>Service by mail</i> " means someone , NOT YOU , who is at least 18 years old must mail the filed copy to the other party.					
	Whoever does the service must complete the attached <i>Proof of Service by Mail</i> form (CH-131) and give it back to you. File the original and a copy of this form at the Clerk's Office. The clerk will file stamp the copy and give it back to you.					
Step 5	What happens next:					
•	 Go to your court hearing to present your side of the case. Bring 3 copies of your <u>filed</u> Response and Proof of Service forms to court with you—one for 					
	the other side, one for the Judge and one for you.					

MAP OF CIVIL COURT



Please turn over for important information



WHAT IS A RESTRAINING ORDER?

A restraining order is issued to protect a person or persons from someone they claim is abusing them or threatening to abuse them or when there is a pattern of harassing behavior. When a restraining order is filed, the Judge reads what the other party (the person who filed) asks for and either grants or denies their request for temporary orders and sets a hearing date. These orders are in effect only until the Court hearing. The Judge can make Personal Conduct orders (you cannot call, write, contact or harass the other party) or Stay-Away orders (you have to stay a certain distance away from the protected person and specific places). They can also make other orders they think will help keep the protected person(s) safe.

HOW DO I TELL MY SIDE OF THE STORY?

First, read the orders very carefully and be sure to obey the orders until the hearing. Then, you should file a *Response* so that the Judge has your side of the story, whether or not you agree with the other party's statement. If you do not file a *Response*, the Judge will only have the other party's side in writing. Also, if you do not file a *Response*, the Judge may not let you talk in court. If you also have a criminal case involving an incident with the other party, talk to your criminal defense attorney before you file your *Response*.

WHAT IF I DID NOT GET SERVED IN TIME OR WANT TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

At the court hearing you may ask for a continuance (a rescheduled hearing) to have more time to hire an attorney and/or write up and file a *Response*. If the other party has an attorney, you can contact their attorney before the hearing date to ask for a continuance. If you and the attorney agree to a continuance then you can both come to court on your hearing date and tell the Judge. If you do not agree you will have to ask the Judge for a continuance. If the Judge gives you a continuance, all the order s/he made will usually remain in place until the next hearing date.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

There are a few ways that you can get more information:

- hire an attorney (Please note: we cannot help people who have attorneys.);
- go online to the state's website, (http://courts.ca.gov/selfhelp); or Santa Clara County Superior Court's website at www.scscourt.org
- use legal self-help websites and books
- visit our **Restraining Order Help Center** in the courthouse located at the address shown below. Visit www.scscourt.org to learn about the Centers' hours.

Superior Court, County of Santa Clara

Restraining Order Help Center

201 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113

VISIT US ONLINE:

www.scscourt.org www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp **EMAIL US:**

www.scscourt.org
click "Self-Help" then click "Contact
the Self Help Center"

CALL US: 408-882-2926

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What is a civil harassment restraining order?

It is a court order that prohibits you from doing certain things and going to certain places.

What does the order do?

The court can order you to:

- Not contact the person who asked for the order
- Stay away from that person and the person's home and workplace
- Not have any guns as long as the order is in effect

Who can ask for a civil harassment restraining order?

A person who is worried about safety because he or she has been or is being:

- Stalked
- · Harassed
- Assaulted, including sexually, or
- Threatened with violence

I've been served with a request for civil harassment restraining orders. What do I do now?

Read the papers served on you very carefully. The *Notice of Court Hearing* tells you when to appear in court. There may also be a *Temporary Restraining Order* forbidding you from doing certain things. You must obey the order until the hearing.

What if I don't obey the order?

The police can arrest you. You can go to jail and pay a fine.

What if I don't agree with what the order says?

You still must obey the order until the hearing. If you disagree with the orders the person is asking for, fill out Form CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, before your hearing date and file it with the court. If you need to include attachments, you can use Form MC-025. You can get the forms from legal publishers or on the Internet at *www.courts.ca.gov*. You also may be able to find them at your local courthouse or county law library.

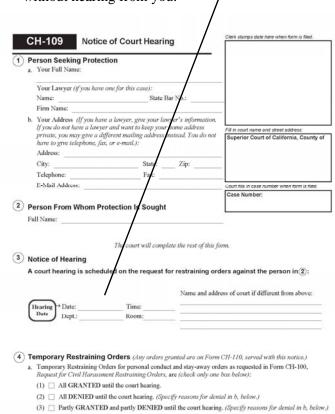
Do I have to serve the other person with a copy of my response?

Yes. Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail a copy of completed Form CH-120 to the person who asked for the order (or that person's lawyer). (This is called "service by mail.")

The person who serves the form by mail must fill out Form CH-250, *Proof of Service of Response by Mail.* Have the person who did the mailing sign the original. Take the completed form back to the court clerk or bring it with you to the hearing.

Should I go to the court hearing?

Yes. You should go to court on the date listed on Form CH-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*. If you do not go to the hearing, the judge can make orders against you without hearing from you.



Notice of Court Hearing



How long does the order last?

If the court issued a temporary restraining order before the hearing, it will last until your hearing date. At that time, the court will decide to continue or cancel the order. Any order issued at the hearing can last for up to five years.

Do I need a lawyer?

Having a lawyer is always a good idea, but it is not required, and you are not entitled to a free court-appointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

Will I see the person who asked for the order at the court hearing?

Yes. Assume that the person who is asking for the order will attend the hearing. Do not talk to him or her unless the judge or that person's attorney says that you can.

Can I bring a witness to the court hearing?

Yes. You can bring witnesses or documents that support your case to the hearing. But if possible, you should also bring the witnesses' written statements of what they saw or heard. Their statements must be made under penalty of perjury. You can use Form MC-030 for this.

For help in your area, contact:

[Local information may be inserted.]

What if I don't speak English?

When you file your papers, ask the clerk if a court interpreter is available. You may have to pay a fee for the interpreter. If an interpreter is not available for your court date, bring someone to interpret for you. You should ask someone age 18 or older to interpret for you.

What if I have a gun?

If a restraining order is issued, you cannot own, possess, or have a gun, other firearm, or ammunition while the order is in effect. If you have a gun or other firearm in your immediate possession or control, you must sell it to or store it with a licensed gun dealer, or turn it in to a law enforcement agency.

Can I agree with the protected person to cancel the order?

No. Once the order is issued, only the judge can change or cancel it. You or the protected person would have to file a request with the court to cancel the order.

What if I am deaf or hard of hearing?



Assistive listening systems, computerassisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five court days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to

www.courts.ca.gov/forms for Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response (Form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

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RESPOND TO CHRO

Please complete the following forms in blue or black ink.

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					Fill in court name and street address: Superior Court of California, County of
2		Your Name: Your Lawyer (if you i	have one for this case) State Bar No	o.:	
	h	-	have a lawyer, give your lawyer's	information	Court fills in case number when form is filed.
	υ.	If you do not have a l	awyer and want to keep your home e a different mailing address instea	e address	Case Number:
		Address: City: Telephone: Email Address:	State: Zip: Fax:	hearing. from for Hearing	wour response and any opposition at the Write your hearing date, time, and place of CH-109 item (3) here: Date: Dept.: Room:
3		Personal Conduc	ct Orders	— Date) Бери Room
	а. b.	☐ I agree to the orde☐ I do not agree to t		Restrain hearing.	rere served with a Temporary ning Order, you must obey it until the At the hearing, the court may make gainst you that last for up to five years.
	c.	☐ I agree to the follo	owing orders (Specify below or in	item (11) on pag	ge 3.)
4		Stay-Away Order			
	a.	I agree to the orde	•		
	b.	☐ I do not agree to t	he orders requested. (Specify why	you disagree ii	1 item (11) on page 3.)
	c.	☐ I agree to the follo	owing orders (specify below or in i	tem (11) on pag	ge 3):
5		Additional Protect	cted Persons		
\bigcirc	а.		ersons listed in item 3 of form CH	[-100 may be n	rotected by the order requested.

b. \square I do not agree that the persons listed in item 3 of form CH-100 may be protected by the order requested.

6	If you (guing used CHofires with	earms (Guns), Firearm Parts, and Ammunition ou were served with form CH-110, Temporary Restraining Order, you cans), firearm parts, or ammunition. This includes firearm receivers and fid as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 165-110.) You must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a arms (guns) or firearm parts in your immediate possession or control with form CH-110. You must file a receipt with the court. You may use Receits (form CH-800) for the receipt. I do not own or control any firearms (guns), firearm parts, or ammunition I ask for an exemption from the firearms prohibition under Code of Civil carrying a firearm is a condition of my employment, and my employer is position where a firearm is unnecessary. (Explain):	rames, and any item that may be 631). (See item (7) of form a law enforcement agency, any thin 24 hours of being served eipt for Firearms and Firearm Procedure section 527.9(f) because
		☐ Check here if there is not enough space below for your answer. Put ye sheet of paper and write "Attachment 6b—Firearms Surrender Exem MC-025, Attachment.	
	c. [I have turned in my firearms (guns) and firearm parts to the police or sold licensed gun dealer. A copy of the receipt □ is attached. □ has already been filed with 	
7		Possession and Protection of Animals	
	a. [b. [c. [I agree to the orders requested. I do not agree to the orders requested. (Specify why you disagree in item € I agree to the following orders (specify below or in item € 1 on page 3): 	11) on page 3.)
3)	a. [b. [c. [Other Orders I agree to the orders requested. I do not agree to the orders requested. (Specify why you disagree in item (I agree to the following orders (specify below or in item 11) on page 3):	11) on page 3.)
9)		Denial I not do anything described in item 7 of form CH-100. <i>(Skip to</i> 1).	



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10)		Justification or Excuse
		did some or all of the things that the person in 1 has accused me of, my actions were justified or excused for e following reasons (explain):
		Check here if there is not enough space below for your answer. Put your complete answer on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 10—Justification or Excuse" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.
11)		Reasons I Do Not Agree to the Orders Requested
	Ex_{I}	plain your answers to each order requested that you do not agree with.
		Check here if there is not enough space below for your answer. Put your complete answer on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 11—Reasons I Disagree" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

<u>12</u>)	☐ No Fee for Filing			
	a. I request that I not be require item (13) to be entitled to fre		use the person in 1 cla	ims in form CH-100
	b. I request that I not be require Request to Waive Court Fee		_	ee waiver. (Form FW-001,
13)	☐ Lawyer's Fees and Costs	3		
	a. I ask the court to order payn	nent of my 🔲 Lawyer's f	ees Court costs.	
	The amounts requested are:			
	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$
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		<u> </u>		\$
	 □ Check here if there are more "Attachment 13—Lawyer's b. □ I ask the court to deny the reand costs. 	Fees and Costs" for a title.	You may use form MC-0	925, Attachment.
14)	Number of pages attached to this fo	rm, if any:		
	Date: Self-Represented			
	Self-Represented		Self-Represented	
	Lawyer's name (if ar	iy)		r's signature
	I declare under penalty of perjury unattachments is true and correct.	nder the laws of the State of	California that the info	rmation above and on all
	Date:			
	Type or print your na	<u></u>	Sign	your name

Fee Waiver

If you are unable to pay the court filing fees, please read and complete the attached forms.

Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs, form FW-001-INFO Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs, form FW-001 Order on Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs, form FW-003

FW-001

Name of employer:

Request to Waive Court Fees

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If you are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for your household's basic needs and your court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive your court fees. The court may order you to answer questions about your finances. If the court waives the fees, you may still have to pay later if:

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Fill in court name and street address:

Case Number:

Case Name:

- You cannot give the court proof of your eligibility,
- Your financial situation improves during this case, or
- You settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more. The trial court that waives your fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge you any collection costs.

Superior Court of California, County of
Santa Clara
191 North First Street
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 951113
Civil Division
Fill in case number and name:

Your Information (person asking the court to waive the fees):

Name:

Street or mailing address:

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____ Phone: _____ Your Job, if you have one (job title):

Employer's address:

Your Lawyer, if you have one (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone number, and State Bar number):
Self-Represented

- a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs *(check one)*: Yes \(\square \) No \(\square \)
 b. *(If yes, your lawyer must sign here)* Lawyer's signature:
 - If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your low income, you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.
- 4) What court's fees or costs are you asking to be waived?
 - Superior Court (See *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).)
 □ Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).)
- 5) Why are you asking the court to waive your court fees?
 - a. ☐ I receive (check all that apply; see form FW-001-INFO for definitions):
 ☐ Food Stamps ☐ Supp. Sec. Inc. ☐ SSP ☐ Medi-Cal ☐ County Relief/Gen. Assist. ☐ IHSS ☐ CalWORKS or Tribal TANF ☐ CAPI ☐ WIC ☐ Unemployment
 - b. My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes) is less than the amount listed below. (If you check 5b, you must fill out 7, 8, and 9 on page 2 of this form.)

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	If more than 6 people
1	\$2,265.00	3	\$3,838.34	5	\$5,411.67	at home, add \$786.67
2	\$3,051.67	4	\$4,625.00	6	\$6,198.34	for each extra person.

- c. I do not have enough income to pay for my household's basic needs *and* the court fees. I ask the court to: *(check one and you must fill out page 2):*
- □ waive all court fees and costs □ waive some of the court fees □ let me make payments over time □ Check here if you asked the court to waive your court fees for this case in the last six months.

(If your previous request is reasonably available, please attach it to this form and check here):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date:

Print your name here

Sign here



Your name:							
If you checked 5a on page 1, do not fill If you checked 5c, you must fill out this	s entire page. If	you need	mc	ore space	e, attach forr	n MC-025 d	-
The check here if your income changes a lot from If it does, complete the form based on your the past 12 months. Your Gross Monthly Income a. List the source and amount of any income your including: wages or other income from work spousal/child support, retirement, social secun unemployment, military basic allowance for coveterans payments, dividends, interest, trust net business or rental income, reimbursement expenses, gambling or lottery winnings, etc. (1) (2) (3) (4) b. Your total monthly income: 9 Household Income a. List the income of all other persons living in you depend in whole or in part on you for support depend in whole or in part for support. Name Age Relationship (1) (2) (3) (4) b. Total monthly income of persons above: Total monthly income and household income (8b plus 9b):	om month to month. average income for ou get each month, before deductions, urity, disability, quarters (BAQ), income, annuities, nt for job-related \$	d. 10 You a. b. c. d. 4. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k.	nd (1) Cas All f (1) (2) (3) Cars (1) (2) (3) Rea (1) (2) Othelestock (1) (2) Utilit Cottl Laur Med Insu Schol Child Tran Insta (1)	Money and sh inancial accompany and sh inancial accompany and sh inancial accompany and sh inancial accompany payroll dependent of the short and shouse ties and telephing and house ties and telephing and telephin	roperty (jewelry, c.): eductions and the doubter whicles ar roperty (jewelry, c.): eductions and the doubter whicles and the doubter whicles are doubter which supplies phone aning at all expenses health, accident, report (another regas, auto repair anents (list each the doubter whents (list each the doubter whents))	rame and amo Fair Market Value S S Fair Market Value S Fair Market Value S Fair Market Value S S en monthly amo S S en ance etc.) marriage) and insurance pelow):	\$
To list any other facts you want the court to ke unusual medical expenses, etc., attach form M attach a sheet of paper and write Financial Inf your name and case number at the top. Check here if you attach at	C-025 or formation and mother page.		(3) Wag Any Pa (1)	ges/earnings other month aid to:	withheld by cou	rt order f each below).	\$ How Much? \$
Important! If your financial situation or abicourt fees improves, you must notify the co		T . 1 . !					\$\$

Total monthly expenses (add 11a –11n above): \$_

days on form FW-010.

FW-003	Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court)	Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.
Person who asl	ked the court to waive court fees:	
Street or mailing a	address:	
City:	State: Zip:	
phone number, e-ı	on in 1 has one (name, firm name, addre mail, and State Bar number):	Fill in court name and street address:
Self-Represen	tea	Superior Court of California, County of
		——— Santa Clara ——— 191 North First Street
		191 North First Street
-		San Jose, CA 951113
		Civil Division
A	a court foca mas filed on (duta).	Fill in case number and name:
3	e court fees was filed on (date):	Case Number:
Ine court ma	de a previous fee waiver order in this case on	, ,
Doad this form carefu	ılly. All checked boxes ☑ are court order	Case Name:
Read inis joini careji	my. An checken boxes wire court order	J.
notify the trial court wi to pay the fees. If you s	thin five days. (Use form FW-010.) If you wi	eases your ability to pay fees and costs, you must n your case, the trial court may order the other side trial court will have a lien on the settlement in the until the lien is paid.
After reviewing you the court makes to	our: X Request to Waive Court Fees the following orders:	☐ Request to Waive Additional Court Fees
a. The court §	grants your request, as follows:	
	Yaiver. The court grants your request and waive of Court, rules 3.55 and 8.818.) You do not have	ves your court fees and costs listed below. (Cal. ave to pay the court fees for the following:
	pers in superior court	• Court fee for phone hearing
_	copies and certifying copies	• Giving notice and certificates
	fee to give notice	• Sending papers to another court department
		court is not electronically recording the proceeding
	equest that the court provide an official report ent for court investigations under Probate Cod	
	g, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk's	
	In trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript of	
	transcript or copy of an official electronic red	
(2) Additi	ional Fee Waiver. The court grants your requ	uest and waives your additional superior court fees
	,	urt, rule 3.56.) You do not have to pay for the
	ed items.	□
	Tors for court appointed experts	Fees for a peace officer to testify in court
	Fees for court-appointed experts Other (specify):	Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness

Your name: _		Case Number:							
b. 🗌 The	The court denies your fee waiver request because:								
	Warning! If you miss the deadline below, the court cannot process your request for hearing or the court papers you filed with your original request. If the papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be dismissed.								
$(1) Y_{01}$	ur request is incomplete. You have 10 days after the clerk gives no next page) to: • Pay your fees and costs, or • File a new revised request that includes the incomplete items □ Below □ On Attachment 4b(1)	otice of this Order (see date of service							
(2)	The information you provided on the request shows that you are requested for the reasons stated: Below On Attachmen	· ·							
	The court has enclosed a blank <i>Request for Hearing About Court</i> (form FW-006). You have 10 days after the clerk gives notice of t • Pay your fees and costs in full or the amount listed in c below • Ask for a hearing in order to show the court more information hearing.)	this order (see date of service below) to: w, or							
c. (1)	The court needs more information to decide whether to grant you date on page 3. The hearing will be about the questions regarding Below On Attachment 4c(1)								
(2)	Bring the items of proof to support your request, if reasonably av	vailable, that are listed:							

This is a Court Order.

ır name:		Case Number:
		Name and address of court if different from above:
Hearing → Date:	Time:	
Date Dept.:	Room:	
request to waive c	rt fees, and you will have 10 days to	ourt on your hearing date, the judge will deny your pay your fees. If you miss that deadline, the court can e papers were a notice of appeal, the appeal may be
Date:		
	Signature of (check	k one):
	Request for Acco	ommodations
are availa	if you ask at least five days before t	cal-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services the hearing. Contact the clerk's office for <i>Request for and Response</i> (form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)
	Clerk's Certi	ficate of Service
ify that I am not invo	ed in this case and (check one):	
handed a copy of thi	Order to the party and attorney, if any	y, listed in 1 and 2), at the court, on the date below.
his order was mailed from (city): A certificate of n	rst class, postage paid, to the party ar , California ling is attached.	nd attorney, if any, at the addresses listed in 1 and 2 a, on the date below.
Date:		
		k, by Deputy

Proof of Service

RESPONDE TO CHRO

If you want to find someone on your own to serve the forms, your server will complete the following form.

	CH-250 Proof of Service by Mail		Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.		
1	Name of Person Asking for Protection:				
2	Name of Person to Be Restrained:				
3	 Notice to Server The server must: Be 18 years of age or over. Not be listed in items 1,2, or 3 of form CH-100, Reques Harassment Restraining Orders. Mail a copy of all documents checked in 4 to the person in 5. 	et for Civil	Fill in court name and street address: Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara 191 North First Street 191 North Flrst Street San Jose, CA 951113		
	to the person in .		Civil Division		
4)	I (the server) am 18 years of age or over and live in or am em		Fill in case number:		
	in the county where the mailing took place. I mailed a copy of documents checked below to the person in (5):	fall	Case Number:		
5	I placed copies of the documents checked above in a sealed envel	_	nailed them as described below:		
	a. Name of person served:				
	b. To this address:				
	City:	State: _	Zip:		
	c. Mailed on (date):	(
(c)	d. Mailed from (city):	(St	tate):		
(6)	Server's Information				
	Name:				
	Address:City:				
	Telephone:		Zip		
	If you are a registered process server: County of registration: Registration:	egistration	ı number:		
7	declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.				
	Date:				
	Type or print server's name Se	erver to sig	gn here		