CIVIL LAWSUIT NOTICE

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara 191 North First St., San José, CA 95113

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE FORM

<u>PLAINTIFF</u> (the person suing): Within 60 days after filing the lawsuit, you must serve each Defendant with the *Complaint*, *Summons*, an *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Sheet*, and a copy of this *Civil Lawsuit Notice*, and you must file written proof of such service.

<u>DEFENDANT</u> (The person sued): You must do each of the following to protect your rights:

- 1. You must file a **written response** to the *Complaint, using the proper legal form or format,* in the Clerk's Office of the Court, within **30 days** of the date you were served with the *Summons* and *Complaint*;
- 2. You must serve by mail a copy of your written response on the Plaintiff's attorney or on the Plaintiff if Plaintiff has no attorney (to "serve by mail" means to have an adult other than yourself mail a copy); and
- 3. You must attend the first Case Management Conference.

Warning: If you, as the Defendant, do not follow these instructions, you may automatically lose this case.

<u>RULES AND FORMS:</u> You must follow the California Rules of Court and the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara Local Civil Rules and use proper forms. You can obtain legal information, view the rules and receive forms, free of charge, from the Self-Help Center at 201 North First Street, San José or at https://www.scscourt.org/self_help/civil/civil_help.shtml.

- State Rules and Judicial Council Forms: https://www.courts.ca.gov/formsrules.htm
- Local Rules and Forms: https://www.scscourt.org/forms_filing.shtml and https://www.scscourt.org/court divisions/civil/civil rules/civil rules.shtml

<u>CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CMC):</u> You must meet with the other parties and discuss the case, in person or by telephone at least 30 calendar days before the CMC. You must also fill out, file and serve a Case Management Statement (Judicial Council form CM-110) at least 15 calendar days before the CMC.

You or your attorney must appear at the CMC. You may have the option, or be required, to appear remotely – see Local Civil Rule 8.

Your Case Management Judge is:		Department:	
The 1st CMC is scheduled for: (Completed	by Clerk of Court)		
Date:	Time:	in Department :	
The next CMC is scheduled for: (Complet	ed by party if the 1st CMC v	vas continued or has passed)	
Date:	Time:	in Department :	

<u>ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR):</u> If all parties have appeared and filed a completed *ADR Stipulation Form* (local form CV-5008) at least 30 days before the CMC, the Court will cancel the CMC and mail notice of an ADR Status Conference. Visit the Court's website at https://www.scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/adr/civil_adr.shtml or call the ADR Administrator (408-828-8547) for more information.

WARNING: Sanctions may be imposed if you do not follow the California Rules of Court or the Local Rules of Court.

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