

PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY <i>(Name, state bar number, and address):</i> TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. <i>(Optional):</i> _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ ATTORNEY FOR <i>(Name):</i> _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT:	
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT OR SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT REGARDING PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS	CASE NUMBER:

YOU MUST FILE THIS ANSWER WITH THE COURT IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THE LAWSUIT

If you disagree with the proposed judgment attached to the *Summons and Complaint*, you must file this *Answer* with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you were served with the *Complaint*. File the original *Answer* with the court clerk at the address for the superior court stated above and serve a copy on the local child support agency. Keep a copy for your records.

1. **PARENTAGE:** I am the parent of the following children:

	Name of Child	Date of Birth
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Additional children are listed on a page attached to this *Answer*.

2. I request genetic testing to determine parentage be done for all children for whom I have checked a "No" box above. I understand that the local child support agency will pay for the cost of the testing now, but that I may have to repay those costs if the court decides that I am the parent.

3. **CHILD SUPPORT**

- a. I agree to pay support as stated in the proposed judgment.
- b. I disagree with the support requested. Attached is my completed *Income and Expense Declaration* () or *Financial Statement (Simplified)* (). NOTE: You can file this *Answer* without either of these forms.

4. I disagree with the proposed judgment for the following reasons *(specify):*

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5. My address and telephone number for receipt of all notices and court dates until I file a change with the court and with the local child support agency are as follows:

- Address:
- City and Zip Code:
- Home Telephone:
- Work Telephone:
- E-mail Address (optional):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____


(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

An adult other than you must complete the Proof of Service below and provide a copy of this Answer to the local child support agency at the following address (specify):

PROOF OF SERVICE

6. I am at least 18 years of age, and not a party to this action. I served this Answer and any other forms filed with the Answer on the local child support agency and any other party required to be served.
- a. **Personal delivery.** I personally delivered this Answer to an employee of the local child support agency as follows:
 - (1) Name of employee:
 - (2) Address where delivered:

 - (3) Date of delivery:
 - (4) Time of delivery:
 - b. **Mail.** I deposited this Answer in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid. I used first class mail. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:
 - (1) Name:
 - (2) Address:

 - (3) Date of mailing:
 - (4) Place of mailing (city and state):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____


(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO SERVED ANSWER)

This case may be referred to a court commissioner for hearing. By law, court commissioners do not have the authority to issue final orders and judgments in contested cases unless they are acting as temporary judges. The court commissioner in your case will act as a temporary judge unless, before the hearing, you or any other party objects to the commissioner acting as a temporary judge. The court commissioner may still hear your case to make findings and a recommended order. If you do not like the recommended order, you must object to it within 10 court days in writing, (use Notice of Objection (Governmental), ()); otherwise, the recommended order will become a final order of the Court.) If you object to the recommended order, a judge will make a temporary order and set a new hearing.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Please follow these instructions to complete the *Answer to Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-610) if you do not have an attorney to represent you. Your attorney, if you have one, should complete this form.

You must file the completed *Answer* and attachments with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you received the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600). The address of the court clerk is the same as the one shown for the Superior Court on the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600). You may have to pay a filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, contact the court clerk to obtain forms to apply for a waiver of court fees. **Keep two copies of the filed Answer form and its attachments. Serve one copy on the local child support agency and keep the other copy for your records. (See Information Sheet for Service of Process () .)**

Upon receipt of your filed *Answer*, the local child support agency will set a court hearing on this matter.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ANSWER FORM (TYPE OR PRINT FORM IN BLACK INK):

Front page, first box, top of form, left side. Print your name, address, and telephone number in this box if they are not already there.

1. For each child listed on the *Answer* form, you must check the "yes" box if you agree that you are that child's parent, or check the "no" box if you do not think or are not sure whether you are that child's parent. You must write in the name of each child listed in the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600) if your *Answer* form does not include the names of any children.

NOTE: Checking the "no" box does not satisfy the requirements needed to request the court cancel (set aside) any voluntary declaration of parentage or paternity which you may have signed or to request the court find a voluntary declaration is void (invalid) (Fam. Code, §§ 7573.5, 7576, 7577). To make this request, you must file a *Request for Hearing and Application to Cancel (Set Aside) Voluntary Declaration of Parentage or Paternity* ().

2. If you have checked a "no" box in answer to number 1 above, you must request genetic testing to determine whether you or the other parent is the parent. The local child support agency will tell you when and where to go for the test. The local child support agency will pay for the cost of the test now. If the court decides the test shows parentage as pleaded in the *Complaint*, you may have to repay this cost to the local child support agency.
3. a. Check this box if you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630) that you received.
 b. You should check this box if you do not agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630).
4. If you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630), but you disagree with the proposed judgment for another reason, you should check this box and write your reasons in this space. **If you have documents that prove your reasons for disagreeing with the proposed Judgment, you should attach the documents to the Answer form.**
5. You must list your address and phone numbers where you can receive all notices and court dates. You must let the court know whenever your address changes. If the court does not have your current address, you may not receive important notices that affect you.

You must date the *Answer* form, print your name, and sign the form under a penalty of perjury. When you sign the *Answer* form, you are stating that the information you have provided is true and correct.

Instructions for how to complete the *Proof of Service* section of the *Answer* form are in the *Information Sheet for Service of Process* (). The person who serves the *Answer* and its attachments must fill out this section of the form. **You cannot serve your own Answer.**

