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INVITATION TO COMMENT

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Title

Civil Practice and Procedure: Form Revisions to Reflect the Repeal of COVID-19 Legislation

Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes

Revise forms SC-100, SC-103, SC-104B, SUM-130, UD-100, UD-105; revoke forms PLD-C-500, PLD-C-505, PLD-C-520, SC-500, SC-500-INFO, SC-500A, UD-101, UD-104, UD-104(A), UD-125

Proposed by

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee Hon. Donald J. Proietti, Chair

Action Requested

Review and submit comments by May 23, 2025

Proposed Effective Date

January 1, 2026

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Executive Summary and Origin

Assembly Bill 2347 (Stats. 2024, ch. 512) changed the deadline to respond to a summons in unlawful detainer proceedings and other summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property. Additionally, several statutes implemented to address the COVID-19 pandemic are being repealed. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee proposes revising five forms and revoking 10 forms to implement these changes in law, as well as revising one unlawful detainer form to refer to the federal CARES Act.

Background

AB 2347

Effective January 1, 2025, AB 2347 changed the deadline to respond to a summons in unlawful detainer proceedings and other summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property. The law previously provided that a defendant who received a summons for unlawful detainer,

¹ See Link A.

forcible detainer, or forcible entry had to file a response within five court days of service of the summons, or within 10 court days if service was completed by mail or in person through the California Secretary of State's Safe at Home address confidentiality program.

AB 2347 changed these deadlines and defendants must now respond within 10 court days of service of the summons, or within 15 court days if service is completed through the Safe at Home program.²

Repeal of COVID-19 legislation

In 2020 and 2021, the Judicial Council adopted and revised numerous forms to implement Code of Civil Procedure section 116.223 and sections 1179.01 through 1179.15, which permitted recovery of COVID-19 rental debt in small claims court, required a cover sheet for unlawful detainer filings, and created other procedures for unlawful detainer filings during a specified period. Those statutes are repealed as of September 30, 2024, or October 1, 2025, by their own terms.

Federal CARES Act

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides that for "covered properties," a 30-day notice to vacate must be provided to the tenant before a landlord can file an eviction lawsuit based on nonpayment of rent.³ The act defines a "covered property" as any property that (1) participates in a covered housing program, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12491(a); (2) participates in the rural housing voucher program under 42 U.S.C. § 1490r; or (3) has a federally backed mortgage loan or federally backed multifamily mortgage loan. Although the CARES Act was enacted to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the 30-day notice provision of the act continues indefinitely.

The Proposal

Previously approved revisions to form SUM-130 to implement AB 2347

On December 24, 2024, the Judicial Council approved revisions to *Summons—Eviction* (form SUM-130) to reflect the new deadlines for responding to a summons for unlawful detainer, forcible detainer, or forcible entry. These revisions became effective on January 1, 2025, the date AB 2347 took effect.

The council determined that prompt revision was warranted to ensure the form did not incorrectly state the law. The council therefore approved the form before the revisions could be circulated for public comment. The committee now seeks comment on these revisions to form SUM-130 and will recommend further revisions if necessary, effective January 1, 2026.

² Code Civ. Proc., § 1167.

³ 15 U.S.C. § 9058(c).

⁴ Judicial Council of Cal., Staff Rep., *Unlawful Detainer: Deadline to Respond to Summons* (Dec. 19, 2024), https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=1264335&GUID=E6AA9A2C-F163-4D75-88F3-E33A4E2A3E45.

Form revisions to reflect the repeal of COVID-19 legislation

The committee proposes revising four forms⁵ to remove references to the repealed COVID-19 legislation or to other forms implementing that legislation:⁶

- 1. *Plaintiff's Claim and Order to Go to Small Claims Court* (form SC-100). The committee proposes deleting:
 - o The instruction box on page 1 regarding COVID-19 rental debt;
 - The reference in item 3 to form SC-500, which the committee proposes revoking;
 and
 - The references at the bottom of pages 5 and 6 to "action[s] to recover COVID-19 rental debt."
- 2. *Fictitious Business Name* (form SC-103). The committee proposes deleting the "Form SC-500" checkbox on page 1 because the committee proposes revoking form SC-500.
- 3. What Is "Proof of Service"? (form SC-104B). The committee proposes deleting references to form SC-500 because the committee proposes revoking that form. These references are in the "What is 'service'?", "When do the court forms have to be served?", and "What if I can't get the court papers served before the trial?" sections.
- 4. Answer—Unlawful Detainer (form UD-105). The committee proposes deleting:⁷
 - The references to form UD-101 in items 2a and 2b because the committee proposes revoking that form;
 - All of item 2b(2) because it concerns form UD-101, which the committee proposes revoking;
 - o The reference in item 3n to Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.01; and
 - o All of item 3p, which concerns Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.04.5.

⁵ One other form included items related to the repealed COVID-19 legislation, but that form was already revised to remove those items. Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Unlawful Detainer: Form Revisions Under Code of Civil Procedure, Sections 1179.10 and 1179.11* (June 30, 2022), https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11032982&GUID=65DEE8DB-3D3B-4CBD-8A47-08607BF95789 (revising *Verification By Landlord Regarding Rental Assistance—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-120)).

⁶ The committee also proposes correcting URLs on forms SC-100, SC-103, SC-104B, and UD-105.

⁷ Item 3m on form UD-105 concerns COVID-19 rental assistance under the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/emergency-rental-assistance-program). That program is still ongoing, and item 3m does not need to be revised.

The committee proposes revoking 10 forms that were created to implement the repealed COVID-19 legislation:

- 1. Complaint—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt (form PLD-C-500);
- 2. *Answer—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt* (form PLD-C-505);
- 3. Verification by Plaintiff Regarding Rental Assistance—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt (form PLD-C-520);
- 4. Plaintiff's Claim and Order to Go to Small Claims Court (COVID-19 Rental Debt) (form SC-500);
- 5. *COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court* (SC-500-INFO);
- 6. Other Plaintiffs or Defendants (COVID-19 Rental Debt) (form SC-500A);
- 7. Plaintiff's Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer (form UD-101)⁸;
- 8. Cover Sheet for Declaration of COVID-19–Related Financial Distress (form UD-104);
- 9. Attachment—Declaration of COVID-19-Related Financial Distress (form UD-104(A)); and
- 10. Application to Prevent Forfeiture Due to COVID-19 Rental Debt (form UD-125).

Revisions to form UD-100 related to the federal CARES Act

The committee proposes revising *Complaint—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-100) to add a checkbox to item 9a for "30-day notice to quit under the federal CARES Act (15 U.S.C. § 9058(c))." Item 9a asks the plaintiff to identify the notices to pay rent or quit that have been served on the defendant.

The committee makes this proposal in response to several public comments on a recent proposal to revise unlawful detainer forms. Those commenters noted that although item 30 on *Answer—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-105) asks whether the property is covered by the federal CARES Act, tenants are unlikely to know this information because CARES Act coverage depends on whether the property owner participates in certain programs or has a federally backed mortgage.

⁸ Although the title of form UD-101 does not include "COVID-19," this form was created to implement Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.01.5(c), which will be repealed on October 1, 2025. Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Unlawful Detainers: Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 3088* (Sept. 30, 2020), https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=807953&GUID=7047037D-7F4C-4ED2-B640-AF38367CC2F8.

⁹ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Unlawful Detainer: Forms to Reflect Existing Law and Implement Senate Bill 1017 and Assembly Bill 1726* (July 14, 2023), https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12246586&GUID=F320E952-292B-412D-9A58-4B4BDF9AEC0A.

The commenters therefore recommended revising *Plaintiff's Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) to add a verification that either the property is not covered by the federal CARES Act or the landlord complied with the act's 30-day notice requirement. ¹⁰ However, the committee could not revise form UD-101 at that time because the suggested revision was beyond the scope of the previous proposal. Additionally, as explained elsewhere in this proposal, the committee proposes revoking form UD-101 because its implementing legislation has been revoked.

The committee considered adding a new item on form UD-100 to ask whether the property is covered by the CARES Act. However, the committee was concerned that adding this item would conflict with Code of Civil Procedure section 1166, which lists the items that must be included in an unlawful detainer complaint. Section 1166 does not require the complaint to include information that would determine whether the federal CARES Act applies.

The committee believes revising item 9a to add a checkbox for "30-day notice to quit under the federal CARES Act (15 U.S.C. § 9058(c))" is more appropriate and would comply with Code of Civil Procedure section 1166. Section 1166(a)(5) requires the complaint to "[s]tate specifically the method used to serve the defendant with the notice or notices of termination upon which the complaint is based." A CARES Act notice could be a notice upon which the complaint is based.

The committee recognizes that such a checkbox would not always help defendants complete item 30 on form UD-105, but it could help in some cases by confirming whether the plaintiff believes the property is covered and provided the required notice.

Future plain language revisions to UD forms

The committee is planning to develop a future proposal to revise *Complaint—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-100) and *Answer—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-105) to use plain language. The committee asks for suggestions on how to revise specific items in those forms to use plain language, as well as any other suggestions to improve the forms' clarity and readability.

Alternatives Considered

The committee did not consider the alternative of taking no action because revisions are needed to ensure the forms comply with AB 2347 and reflect the repeal of Code of Civil Procedure sections 116.223 and 1179.01 through 1179.15. To the extent the proposed revisions were not required by the statutory terms, the committee considered taking no action but ultimately determined the revisions were warranted in light of the benefits the revisions would provide to the courts and court users. As discussed in the explanation of the proposal, the committee considered alternatives when drafting the proposed forms and concluded that the current proposal best satisfies the statutory mandate and complies with law.

¹⁰ *Id.* at pp. 6–7.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The statutory changes will require education of court staff and judicial officers. The revised forms are intended to facilitate courts' and parties' implementation of the changes in statute and will require education and possibly some changes to computerized case management systems. Because the revisions are required to ensure the forms reflect current law, these operational impacts cannot be avoided.

Request for Specific Comments

In addition to comments on the proposal as a whole, the advisory committee is interested in comments on the following:

- Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose?
- Please provide suggestions, if you have any, for revising specific items in *Complaint—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-100) and *Answer—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-105) to use plain language, or any suggestions to improve the forms' clarity and readability.

The advisory committee also seeks comments from *courts* on the following cost and implementation matters:

- Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so, please quantify.
- What would the implementation requirements be for courts—for example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems?
- Would two months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?
- How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes?

Attachments and Links

- Forms PLD-C-500, PLD-C-505, PLD-C-520, SC-100, SC-103, SC-104B, SC-500, SC-500-INFO, SC-500A, SUM-130, UD-100, UD-101, UD-104, UD-104(A), UD-105, UD-125, at pages 7–51
- 2. Link A: Assembly Bill 2347, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2347

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
NAME:		
FIRM NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE: ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
ATTORNEY FOR (name):		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA	A, COUNTY OF	
STREET ADDRESS:		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY AND ZIP CODE:		
BRANCH NAME:		
PLAINTIFF:		, ()
DEFENDANT:		
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COMPLAIN I—REC	OVERY OF COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT	
COMPLAINT	AMENDED COMPLAINT (Number):	
Jurisdiction (check all that appl	• •	CASE NUMBER:
	IL CASE (does not exceed \$35,000)	
	does not exceed \$10,000	
	exceeds \$10,000	
ACTION IS AN UNLIMITED	CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$35,000)	
ACT	TION FOR RECOVERY OF COVID-19 RE	NTAL DEBT
AS DEFINE	D UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE	E SECTION 1179.02
Access to the rec	ords in this case is limited under Code of Civil I	Procedure section 1161.2.5.
If plaintiff cannot afford to pa	ay filing fees, plaintiff may ask the court to waive the fees	s by completing form FW-001 Request
to Waive Court Fees, and file		by completing form? W oor, request
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This form may not be used to	for actions to recover commercial rental debt.	
	ndant must use form PLD-C-505, Answer—Recovery of 0	COVID-19 Rental Debt, to answer this
complaint.		
1. Plaintiff (name or names):		
brings this complaint for recover	ery of COVID-19 rental debt against defendant (name o	r names):
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INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATION	s	
2. a. Each plaintiff named above	•	
except plaintiff (nam		
` ,	n qualified to do business in California	
	orated entity (describe):	
(3) other (special	ry):	
b. Plaintiff (name):		
has complied with th	e fictitious business name laws and is doing business ur	nder the fictitious name (specify):
c. Information about a	dditional plaintiffs who are not competent adults is show	n in Attachment 2.
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Form Adopted for Mandatory Use	COMPLAINT—DECOVEDY OF COVID-19 DEN	TAI DERT Code Civ. Proc., §§ 425.10, 871.10

		AINTIFF: ENDANT:	CASE NUMBER:
3.	a.	is court is the proper court because a defendant lives here now.	
	a. b.	a defendant investment now. a defendant entered into the rental agreement or lease here.	
	C.	the property that is the subject matter of the rental agreement or lease is here	9.
	d.	Other (specify):	
4.		Plaintiff has been assigned the rights to the COVID-19 rental debt that is set out assignor): on (date of assignm	
ΑI	_LE(GATIONS ABOUT COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT	
5.	a.	Defendant (name each):	
		agreed to pay rent for the premises at <i>(address):</i> during part or all of the period between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021.	10
	b.	The rent was in the amount of: \$ payable monthly	Other (specify):
	c.	Defendant (name each):	
		agreed to pay other amounts as part of the rental agreement or lease, for (describe	e service paid for):
		in the amount of: \$ payable monthly Other (spe	ecify):
	d.	Copies of all relevant rental agreements or leases for the tenancy described in Attachment 5.	n item 5a are attached, numbered as
6.		te plaintiff claims defendant or defendants owe: \$ for unpaid renancy that came due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021. (Complete it	ent or other financial obligations of the tems a and b.)
	a.	Rent due. (List all rent plaintiff claims defendant or defendants owe that came due of September 30, 2021. For each month you claim rent is due, include each amount de enough space below, check the box below, use form MC-025, and title it Attachment Other allegations are on form MC-025.	ue and the date it came due. If there is not
	b.	Other amounts of COVID-19 rental debt due. (List all unpaid financial obligations ur than rent) that plaintiff claims defendant owes and that came due during the period For each month you claim other financial obligations are due, include each amount, (for example, parking fees or utilities included as part of the rental agreement). If the box below, use form MC-025, and title it Attachment 6(b).) Other allegations are on form MC-025.	from March 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021. the date it came due, and what it was for
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PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:	CASE NUMBER:
DET ENDAM.	
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT RENTAL ASSISTANCE	
 a. Plaintiff made a good-faith effort to help defendant obtain rental assistance before f Civil Procedure section 871.10(a), by (check all that apply) 	iling this case, as required under Code of
(1) investigating whether governmental rental assistance is available to the c	defendant.
(2) seeking governmental rental assistance for the defendant.	
(3) cooperating with the defendant's efforts to obtain rental assistance from a	any governmental entity or other third party.
b. Documentation of the efforts described in item 7a is attached as required by s	statute and marked as Attachment 7.
c. Plaintiff does not have documentation of the efforts described in item 7a, but not be a superior	made the following efforts (describe):
B. Plaintiff states that the following are true: (Note: The statements in items 8a and b must be verified under penalty of perjury b by the court. [See Health & Saf. Code, § 50897.3(e).] If plaintiff later requests a defeaby Plaintiff Regarding Rental Assistance—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt (form).	ault judgment, plaintiff must file Verification
 The landlord has not received rental assistance or other financial compensation any of the amount claimed in item 6. 	
b. The landlord does not have any application pending for rental assistance or or source corresponding to any of the amount claimed in item 6.	ther financial compensation from any other
c. (Complete if plaintiff is not the landlord.)	
The landlord is (name): on the following basis (describe the basis for plaintiff making the statements in item	nd plaintiff can make the statements above is 8a and b):

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DEFENDANT:	
OTHER ALLEGATIONS	
9. Plaintiff makes the following additional allegations: (State any additional allegation order, starting with (a), (b), (c), etc. If there is not enough space below, check the Attachment 9, and letter each allegation in order.) Other allegations are on the starting with (a), (b), (c), etc. If there is not enough space below, check the Attachment 9, and letter each allegation in order.)	box below and use form MC-025, title it
10. The following items in this complaint are alleged on information and belief (list ite.	m numbers):
11. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of positive process.	ages:
DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT	
12. Plaintiff requests judgment for costs of suit; for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable;	and for
a. damages of: \$ b. interest on damages (1) according to proof. (2) at the date of (specify): per year	from (date):
c. attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted under Code of Civil Procedure section (1) of: \$ (2) according to proof.	871.11,
d. Other(specify):	
Date:	
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)
VERIFICATION (Optional, but see item 8)	
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoest those matters listed in item 10 as alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters.	
Date:	
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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE)
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COMPLAINT—RECOVERY OF COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT

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NAME:			
FIRM NAME:			
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
ATTORNEY FOR (name):			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COU	NTY OF		1
STREET ADDRESS:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY AND ZIP CODE:			
BRANCH NAME:			
PLAINTIFF:			()
DEFENDANT:			
ANSWER—RECOVE	RY OF COVID-19 RI	ENTAL DEBT	CASE NUMBER:
TO COMPLAINT OF (name):			(O)

ACTION FOR RECOVERY OF COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT AS DEFINED UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1179.02

Access to the records in this case is limited under Code of Civil Procedure section 1161.2.5.

This form must be used to answer Complaint—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt (form PLD-C-500) within 30 calendar days after defendant is served with the complaint. Alternatively, defendant may file a demurrer, motion to strike, or motion to quash within that same time period if any of those responses are appropriate. A cross-complaint may be made on a separate pleading form (Judicial Council forms that have form numbers preceded by PLD) or individually prepared on pleading paper. Defendant may want to consult with an attorney.

If defendant cannot afford to pay filing fees to answer, defendant may ask the court to waive the fees by completing Request to Waive Court Fees (form FW-001), and filing it with the court.

1. Defendant (name or names):

answers the complaint as follows:

DENIALS (Complete item 2 or item 3, not both.)

2. General Denial (Read the instructions below before checking this item.)

Defendant generally denies each statement in the complaint.

(This item can be checked only if either of the following applies:

- The complaint is **not** verified. (The complaint is verified if the Verification at the bottom of page 4 of form PLD-C-500 is signed or if a Verification is attached to the form.); **or**
- The amount demanded in the complaint is \$35,000 or less (a limited civil case) AND the debt has not been
 assigned to someone other than the landlord. (If item 4 on form PLD-C-500 has been checked, this General Denial
 cannot be checked.)

If this General Denial is checked, go on to item 4.

If this General Denial is not checked, defendant may make the Specific Denials in item 3.)

3. Specific Denials of Allegations in Complaint

Defendant may complete this item if Defendant did not check the general denial box, above. Defendant should complete each section in item 3 below if defendant either

- disagrees that one or more statements in the corresponding section of the complaint is true or correct (list those statements by item number or letter in subpart (1) for each section); or
- does not have enough information or belief to state whether one or more of the statements in the corresponding section of the complaint are true or false (list those statements by item number or letter in subpart (2) for each section).

If defendant agrees with all of the statements in a section of the complaint, do not check any boxes for that section in item 3 below.

This will be an admission that all the statements in that section of the complaint are true.

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DEFENDANT:	CASE NUMBER:
L 3. a. Introductory Allegations (items 2-4 on form PLD-C-500))
	he section of the complaint titled Introductory Allegations If form PLD-C-500 that defendant disagrees with, or explain why
	hether the following items in the section titled Introductory e item number of any items in that section of form PLD-C-500 that
b. Allegations About COVID-19 Rental Debt (items 5 and	6 on form PLD-C-500)
(1) Defendant denies the following statements in to Debt (write the item number of any items in the why defendant disagrees):	he section of the complaint titled Allegations About COVID-19 Rental at section of form PLD-C-500 that defendant disagrees with, or explain
	hether the following items in the section titled Allegations About em (write the item number of any items in that section of form s):

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DEFENDANT:	
3. c. Allegations About Rental Assistance (items 7 and 8 on form PLD-C-500) (1) Defendant denies the following statements in the section of the complain Assistance (write the item number of any items in that section of form Ple explain why defendant disagrees):	
(2) Defendant has no information or belief as to whether the following items Rental Assistance are true, so denies them (write the item number of ar that defendant denies on this basis):	in the section titled Allegations About ny items in that section of form PLD-C-500
d. Other Allegations (item 9 on form PLD-C-500 and any statements in Attachment 9	
(1) Defendant denies the following statements in the section of the complain 9 to the complaint (write the item number or letter of any items in that sec that defendant disagrees with, or explain why defendant disagrees. If mo	tion of form PLD-C-500 or in Attachment 9
Response is provided on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 3d.	
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(2) Defendant has no information or belief as to whether the following items Attachment 9 are true, so denies them (write the item number or letter of PLD-C-500 that defendant denies on this basis):	
e. Demand for Judgment (item 12 on form PLD-C-500)	
(1) Defendant denies the following statements in the section of the complain (write the item number or letter of any items in that section of form PLD-C explain why defendant disagrees):	
(2) Defendant has no information or belief as to whether the following items are true, so denies them (write the item number or letter of any items that	

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	PLAINTIFF:	CASE NUMBER:	
DE	DEFENDANT:		
4.	Defenses and Objections (Check all that apply. NOTE: For each box checked, defendant must state any addition more room is needed, on form MC-025. The parties may disagree about the amount of more about these reasons in the California Department of Real Estate's guide at		

4.

5.	Other statements	(specify below or, if mo	ore room is needed, ch	eck box below and use	form MC-025):
	Other statemen	its are on form MC-025	, titled as Attachment 5	j.	

This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages:	PLAINTIFF:	CASE NUMBER:
Defendant requests a. that plaintiff take nothing. b.	DEFENDANT:	
Defendant requests a. that plaintiff take nothing. b.	6. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the	e following number of pages:
Defendant requests a. that plaintiff take nothing. b.		
a. that plaintiff take nothing. b.		
b.	•	
c. attorney's fees, to the extent permitted under Code of Civil Procedure section 871.11, (1) of: \$ (2) according to proof. d. Other (specify): (Each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named in item 1 and must sign this answer unless defendant's attorney signs, Date: (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY) Date: (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY) VERIFICATION Required only if complaint is verified. An attorney should use a different verification form if verifying the pleading. I am the defendant in this proceeding and have read this answer. 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 DEFENDANT) Date: (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT) Date:		
(1)		Civil Procedure section 871.11,
d. Other (specify): (Each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named in item 1 and must sign this answer unless defendant's attorney signs., Date: (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) OTHER OTHER OR PRINT NAME) OTHER OR PRINT NAME) OTHER OTHER OF DEFENDANT) Date:		
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ANSWER—RECOVERY OF COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT

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Form Adopted for Mandatory Use Judicial Council of California PLD-C-520 [New November 1, 2021]

VERIFICATION BY PLAINTIFF REGARDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE—RECOVERY OF COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT Health & Safety Code, § 50897.3(e) www.courts.ca.gov

Plaintiff's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court

Notice to the person being sued:

- You are the defendant if your name is listed in **2** on page 2 of this form or on form SC-100A. The person suing you is the plaintiff, listed in **1** on page 2.
- You and the plaintiff must go to court on the trial date listed below. If you do not go to court, you may lose the case. If you lose, the court can order that your wages, money, or property be taken to pay this claim.
- Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case.
- Read this form and all pages attached to understand the claim against you and to protect your rights.

Aviso al Demandado:

- Usted es el Demandado si su nombre figura en **2** de la página 2 de este formulario, o en el formulario SC-100A. La persona que lo demanda es el Demandante, la que figura en **1** de la página 2.
- Usted y el Demandante tienen que presentarse en la corte en la fecha del juicio indicada a continuación. Si no se presenta, puede perder el caso. Si pierde el caso, la corte podría ordenar que le quiten de su sueldo, dinero u otros bienes para pagar este reclamo.
- Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier otra prueba que necesite para probar su caso.
- Lea este formulario y todas las páginas adjuntas para entender la demanda en su contra y para proteger sus derechos.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

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Fill in court name and street address:

Case Name:

Superior Court of California, County of	
Court fills in case number when form is filed.	
Case Number:	

Order to Go to Court

The people in 1 and 2 must attend court: (Clerk fills out section below.)

Trial	→ Date	Time	Department	Name and address of court, if different from above
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Instructions for the person suing:

- You are the plaintiff. The person you are suing is the defendant.
- **Before** you fill out this form, read form <u>SC-100-INFO</u>, *Information for the Plaintiff*, to know your rights. You can get form SC-100-INFO at any courthouse or county law library, or go to <u>courts.ca.gov/rules-forms/find-your-court-forms</u>.
- Fill out pages 2, 3, and 4 of this form. Make copies of all the pages of this form and any attachments—one for each party named in this case and an extra copy for yourself. Take or mail the original and the copies to the court clerk's office and pay the filing fee. The clerk will write the date of your trial in the box above. Your court may allow electronic filing. Check your local court website for information: courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.
- You must have someone at least 18—not you or anyone else listed in this case—give each defendant a court-stamped copy of all pages of this form and any pages this form tells you to attach. There are special rules for "serving," or delivering, this form to public entities, associations, and some businesses. See forms SC-104B, and SC-104B.
- Go to court on your trial date listed above. Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case.



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Requests for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the trial. For these and other accommodations, contact the clerk's office for form MC-410, Disability Accommodation Request. (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Information for the defendant (the person being sued)

"Small claims court" is a special court where claims for \$12.500 or less are decided. Individuals, including "natural persons" and sole proprietors, may claim up to \$12,500. Corporations, partnerships, public entities, and other businesses are limited to claims of \$6,250. (See below for exceptions.*) The process is quick and cheap. The rules are simple and informal. You are the *defendant*—the person being sued. The person who is suing you is the plaintiff.

Do I need a lawyer? You may talk to a lawyer before or after the case. But you may not have a lawyer represent you in court (unless this is an appeal from a small claims case).

How do I get ready for court? You don't have to file any papers before your trial, unless you think this is the wrong court for your case. But bring to your trial any witnesses, receipts, and evidence that support your case. And read "How to prepare for your trial (court date)" at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/small-claims/trial.

What if I need an accommodation? If you have a disability or are hearing impaired, fill out form MC-410, Disability Accommodation Request. Give the form to your court clerk or the ADA/Access Coordinator.

What if I don't speak English well? Ask the court clerk as soon as possible for a court-provided interpreter. You may use form INT-300, Request for Interpreter (Civil) or a local court form to request an interpreter. If a court interpreter is unavailable for your trial, it may be necessary to reschedule your trial. You cannot • bring your own interpreter for the trial unless the interpreter has been approved by the court as a certified, registered, or provisionally qualified interpreter. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.893, and form INT-140.)

Where can I get the court forms I need? Go to any courthouse or your county law library, or print forms at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/small-claims-forms.

What happens at the trial? The judge will listen to both sides. The judge may make a decision at your trial or mail the decision to you later.

What if I lose the case? If you lose, you may appeal. You'll have to pay a fee. (Plaintiffs cannot appeal their own claims.)

- If you were at the trial, file form SC-140, Notice of Appeal. You must file within 30 days after the clerk hands or mails you the judge's decision (judgment) on form SC-200 or form SC-130, Notice of Entry of Judgment.
- If you were not at the trial, fill out and file form SC-135, Notice of Motion to Vacate Judgment and Declaration, to ask the judge to cancel the judgment (decision). If the judge does not give you a new trial, you have 10 days to appeal the decision. File form SC-140.

For more information on appeals, see selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/after-trial/small-claims-appeals.

Do I have options? Yes. If you are being sued you can:

· Settle your case before the trial. If you and the plaintiff agree on how to settle the case before the trial, the plaintiff must file form CIV-110, Request for Dismissal or a written and signed settlement agreement with the clerk. Ask the Small Claims Advisor for help.

- **Prove this is the wrong court.** Send a letter to the court before your trial explaining why you think this is the wrong court. Ask the court to dismiss the claim. You must serve (give) a copy of your letter (by mail or in person) to all parties. (Your letter to the court must say you have done so.)
- Go to the trial and try to win your case. Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case. To have the court order a witness to go to the trial, fill out form SC-107, Small Claims Subpoena and Declaration, and have it served on the witness.
- Sue the person who is suing you. If you have a claim against the plaintiff, and the claim is appropriate for small claims court as described on this form, you may file Defendant's Claim (form SC-120) and bring the claim in this action. If your claim is for more than allowed in small claims court, you may still file it in small claims court if you give up the amount over the small claims value amount, or you may file a claim for the full value of the claim in the appropriate court. If your claim is for more than allowed in small claims court and relates to the same contract. transaction, matter, or event that is the subject of the plaintiff's claim, you may file your claim in the appropriate court and file a motion to transfer the plaintiff's claim to that court to resolve both matters together. You can see a description of the amounts allowed in the paragraph above, titled "Small Claims Court."
- Agree with the plaintiff's claim and pay the **money.** Or, if you can't pay the money now, go to your trial and say you want to make payments.
- Let the case "default." If you don't settle and do not go to the trial (default), the judge may give the plaintiff what he or she is asking for plus court costs. If this happens, the plaintiff can legally take your money, wages, and property to pay the judgment.

What if I need more time?

You can change the trial date if:

- · You cannot go to court on the scheduled date (you will have to pay a fee to postpone the trial), or
- · You did not get served (receive this order to go to court) at least 15 days before the trial (or 20 days if you live outside the

Ask the Small Claims Clerk about the rules and fees for postponing a trial. Or fill out form SC-150 (or write a letter) and mail it to the court *and* to all other people listed on your court papers before the deadline. Enclose a check for your court fees, unless a fee waiver was granted.



Need help?

our county's Small Claims Advisor can help for free.

Or go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/small-claims-advisor	

* Exceptions: Different limits apply in an action against a defendant who is a guarantor. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 116.220(c).)

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Información para el demandado (la persona demandada)

La "Corte de reclamos menores" es una corte especial donde se deciden casos por \$12,500 o menos. Los individuos, o sea las "personas físicas" y los propietarios por cuenta propia, pueden reclamar hasta \$12,500. Las corporaciones, asociaciones, entidades públicas y otras empresas solo pueden reclamar hasta \$6,250. (Vea abajo para las excepciones.*) El proceso es rápido y económico. Las reglas son sencillas e informales. Usted es el Demandado-la persona que se está demandando. La persona que lo está demandando es el Demandante.

¿Necesito un abogado? Puede hablar con un abogado antes o después del caso. Pero no puede tener a un abogado que lo represente ante la corte (a menos que se trate de una apelación de un caso de reclamos menores).

¿Cómo me preparo para ir a la corte? No tiene que presentar ningún documento antes del juicio, a menos que piense que ésta es la corte equivocada para su caso. Pero lleve al juicio cualquier testigos, recibos y pruebas que apoyan su caso. Y lea "Cómo prepararse para su juicio" en selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/reclamos-menores/juicio.

¿Qué hago si necesito una modificación? Si tiene una discapacidad o tiene impedimentos de audición, llene el formulario MC-410, Solicitud de modificaciones para discapacidad. Entregue el formulario al secretario de la corte o al Coordinador de Acceso/ADA de su corte.

¿Qué pasa si no hablo bien inglés? Solicite un intérprete al secretario de la corte lo más pronto posible. Puede usar el formulario INT-300 o un formulario de su corte local. Si no está disponible un intérprete de la corte para su juicio, es posible que se tenga que cambiar la fecha de su juicio. No puede llevar su propio intérprete para el juicio a menos que el intérprete haya sido aprobado por la corte como un intérprete certificado, registrado, o provisionalmente calificado. (Vea la regla 2.893 de las Reglas de la Corte de California, y el formulario <u>INT-140</u>.)

¿Dónde puedo obtener los formularios de la corte que necesito? Vaya a cualquier edificio de la corte, la biblioteca legal de su condado, o imprima los formularios en selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/formularios-de-

¿Qué pasa en el juicio? El juez escuchará a ambas partes. El juez puede tomar su decisión durante la audiencia o enviársela por correo después.

¿Qué pasa si pierdo el caso? Si pierde, puede apelar. Tendrá que pagar una cuota. (El Demandante no puede apelar su propio reclamo.)

- Si estuvo presente en el juicio, llene el formulario SC-140, Aviso de apelación (Notice of Appeal). Tiene que presentarlo dentro de 30 días después de que el secretario le entregue o envíe la decisión (fallo) del juez en el formulario SC-200 o SC-130, Aviso de publicación del fallo (Notice of Entry of Judgment).
- Si no estuvo en el juicio, llene y presente el formulario SC-135, Aviso de petición para anular el fallo y Declaración para pedirle al juez que anule el fallo (decisión). Si la corte no le otorga un nuevo juicio, tiene 10 días para apelar la decisión. Presente el formulario SC-140

Para obtener más información sobre las apelaciones, vea selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/reclamos-menores/despues-del-juicio/ apelaciones-de-reclamos-menores.

¿Tengo otras opciones? Sí. Si lo están demandando, puede:

Resolver su caso antes del juicio. Si usted y el Demandante se ponen de acuerdo en cómo resolver el caso antes del juicio, el Demandante tiene que presentar el formulario CIV-110 Solicitud de desestimación (Request for Dismissal) o un acuerdo de resolución escrito y firmado al secretario de la corte. Pídale al Asesor de Reclamos Menores que lo ayude.

- Probar que es la corte equivocada. Envíe una carta a la corte antes del juicio explicando por qué cree que es la corte equivocada. Pídale a la corte que despida el reclamo. Tiene que entregar (dar) una copia de su carta (por correo o en persona) a todas las partes. (Su carta a la corte tiene que decir que hizo la
- Ir al juicio y tratar de ganar el caso. Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier prueba que necesite para probar su caso. Si desea que la corte emita una orden de comparecencia para que los testigos vayan al juicio, llene el formulario SC-107, Citatorio de reclamos menores (Small Claims Subpoena) y entrégueselo legalmente al
- Demandar a la persona que lo demandó. Si tiene un reclamo contra el Demandante, y el reclamo se puede presentar en la corte de reclamos menores, tal como se describe en este formulario, puede presentar el formulario SC-120, Reclamo del demandado (Defendant's Claim) y presentarlo en este mismo caso. Si su reclamo excede el límite permitido en la corte de reclamos menores, puede igualmente presentarlo en la corte de reclamos menores si está dispuesto a limitar su reclamo al máximo permitido, o puede presentar un reclamo por el monto total en la corte apropiada. Si su reclamo excede el límite permitido en la corte de reclamos menores y está relacionado con el mismo contrato, transacción, asunto o acontecimiento que el reclamo del Demandante, puede presentar su reclamo en la corte apropiada y presentar una moción para transferir el reclamo del Demandante a dicha corte, para poder resolver los dos reclamos juntos. Puede ver una descripción de los montos permitidos en el párrafo anterior titulado "Corte de reclamos menores".
- Aceptar el reclamo del Demandante y pagar el dinero. O, si no puede pagar en ese momento, vaya al juicio y diga que quiere hacer los pagos a plazos.
- No ir al juicio y aceptar el fallo por falta de comparecencia. Si no llega a un acuerdo con el Demandante y no va al juicio (fallo por falta de comparecencia), el juez le puede otorgar al Demandante lo que está reclamando más los costos de la corte. En ese caso, el Demandante legalmente puede tomar su dinero, su sueldo o sus bienes para cobrar el fallo.

¿Qué hago si necesito más tiempo? Puede cambiar la fecha del juicio si:

- No puede ir a la corte en la fecha programada (tendrá que pagar una cuota para aplazar el juicio), o
- No le entregaron los documentos legalmente (no recibió la orden para ir a la corte) por lo menos 15 días antes del juicio (ó 20 días si vive fuera del condado).

Pregúntele al secretario de reclamos menores sobre las reglas y las cuotas para aplazar un juicio. O llene el formulario SC-150 (o escriba una carta) y envíelo antes del plazo a la corte y a todas las otras personas que figuran en sus papeles de la corte. Adjunte un cheque para pagar los costos de la corte, a menos que le hayan dado una exención.



¿Necesita ayuda? El Asesor de Reclamos Menores de su condado le puede ayudar sin cargo.

O visite selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/asesor-de-reclamos-menores

* Excepciones: Existen diferentes límites en un reclamo contra un garante. (Vea el Código de Procedimiento Civil, sección 116.220 (c).)

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Reclamo del Demandante y ORDEN Para Ir a la Corte de **Reclamos Menores**

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Rev. <u>January 1, 2026</u>, Optional Form
Code of Civil Procedure, § 116.430
Business and Professions Code, § 17900 et seq.

Fictitious Business Name

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What is "service"?

"Service" or "serving" is when someone—not you or anyone else listed in this case—gives a copy of your court papers to the person, business, or public entity you are suing. Service lets the other party know:

- What you are asking for;
- When and where the trial will be; and
- What the party can choose to do.

There are strict rules for serving court papers. This form explains how to serve these forms:

- Form SC-100, Plaintiff's Claim
- Form SC-120, Defendant's Claim

How is service done?

This form tells you how to serve by *personal* service or *substituted* service.

Personal service means someone gives the papers directly to the person being sued or to the agent authorized to accept service (business or public entity).

Substituted service means someone gives the papers to an adult where the person lives, works, or receives mail (including a private post office box, but not a U.S. Postal Service P.O. Box).

What if the court papers do not get served?

The judge cannot hear your case unless the court papers were served correctly.

Can the court serve the papers for me?

Yes. You can pay the court to mail your claim to the person you are suing. But if the person you are suing or the person's agent for service doesn't sign the U.S. Postal Service mail receipt with his or her complete name, or if someone else signs the receipt, you will have to serve again using personal or substituted service.

Who can serve?

You can ask a friend, a process server, or the sheriff. The server must be at least 18 and not listed in the case.

A "process server" is someone you pay to deliver court forms. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under "Process Serving." The sheriff (or marshal if your county has one) can also deliver court forms. Ask the court clerk how to contact the sheriff. Or look in the county section of your phone book under "Sheriff." You must pay the server, unless you qualify for a fee waiver.

How is personal service done?

Ask someone who is at least 18 and not listed in this case to personally "serve" (give) a copy of your court papers to the person or the agent authorized to accept court papers for the person, business, or public entity listed on form SC-104.

Give the server a separate *Proof of Service* form for each person, business, or public entity you are suing. And tell the server to:

- Walk up to the person to be served.
- Say, "These are court papers."
- Give the person copies of all papers checked on form SC-104, *Proof of Service*. If the person won't take the papers, just leave them near the person. It doesn't matter if the person tears them up.
- Fill out and sign page 2 of form SC-104, Proof of Service.

How is substituted service done?

If you don't want to use personal service or can't find the person to be served, ask someone who is at least 18 and not listed in this case to serve the court papers.

Give the server a separate *Proof of Service* form for each person, business, or public entity you are suing. Tell the server to give the papers to:

- A competent adult (at least 18) at the home of and living with the person to be served *or*
- An adult who seems to be in charge where the person to be served usually works *or*
- An adult who seems to be in charge where the person receives mail (including a private mailbox, but not a U.S. Postal Service P.O. Box). *Note:* This is only for cases where the physical address of the person to be served is not known.

Then do the following:

- Write down that person's name and say, "Please give these court papers to [name of person to be served]."
 If the person does not want to give his or her name, describe the person you served.
- Give that person copies of all papers checked on form SC-104, *Proof of Service*. If the person won't take the papers, just leave them near the person.
- Mail another copy of the papers (by first-class mail) to the person being sued at the same address where you left the papers.
- Fill out and sign page 2 of form SC-104, *Proof of Service*.

What does the server do with the original *Proof of Service* form?

If a process server or sheriff served the papers, he or she can file form SC-104, *Proof of Service*, with the clerk. If the server used a different *Proof of Service* form, ask him or her to list each paper served on the form. Also make sure that the registered server will file the original directly with the court and will mail you a copy of the filed form. Take it with you when you go to court.

If a friend served the papers, tell him or her to give the completed form back to you. Keep a copy for your records and take the copy with you when you go to court.

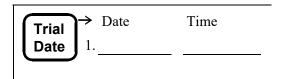
You need to file the original completed *Proof of Service* form **5 days before** your trial.

When do the court forms have to be served?

• If you are serving form SC-100, *Plaintiff's Claim*, look at the trial date on page 1. Then, look at a calendar

For *personal* service, subtract 15 days from the trial date (or 20 days if the person, business, or public entity is located outside the county). That's the deadline for serving your small claims forms. But you can serve the forms before the deadline.

The people in (1) and (2) must go to court



For *substituted* service, subtract 25 days from the date the server mailed a copy of the court papers served (or 30 days if the person, business, or public entity is located outside the county). That's the deadline for serving your small claims forms. But you can serve the forms before the deadline.

If the person, business, or public entity to be served is outside California or if you are serving a different form, ask the Small Claims Advisor for more information.

• If you are serving form SC-120, *Defendant's Claim*, look at the trial date on page 1. Then look at a calendar.

For your protection and privacy, please press the Clear This Form button after you have printed the form.

For *personal* or *substituted* service, subtract 5 days from the trial date. That's the deadline for serving your small claims forms if you were served at least 11 days before the trial. If you were served 10 days or less before the trial date, you must serve at least 1 day before the trial. But you can serve the forms before the deadline.

What if I can't get the court papers served before the trial?

If you were not able to serve your claim (form SC-100 or SC-120) before the deadline for service, talk to your Small Claims Clerk. Each county has its own rules.

If you already served your claim on some parties but not everyone you are suing, you may need to fill out and file form SC-150, *Request to Postpone Trial*, at least 10 days before the trial date (or explain why you couldn't meet the 10-day deadline). Then give or mail a copy of this form to all other plaintiffs and defendants listed on your court papers.

The court may postpone your trial for 15 days or more.

Who do I have to serve?

If you are suing a person (or people)—not a business or public entity—serve each person you are suing. For example, if you were in a car accident and you are suing the owner and the driver of the car, you must list the names of the owner *and* the driver on your claim and serve both people.

Examples:

If the owner and driver are the same person: *Lee Smith, owner and driver*

If the owner and driver are not the same person:

Lee Smith, driver Bob Smith, owner

If you are suing a business, an association, or a public entity, read form <u>SC-104C</u>, *How to Serve a Business*.



Need help?

Save this form

Your county's Small Claims Advisor can help for free.

Or go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/small-claims-advisor

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What Is "Proof of Service"?
(Small Claims)

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Print this form

Plaintiff's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court (COVID-19 Rental Debt)

THIS IS AN ACTION TO RECOVER COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT AS DEFINED UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. § 1179.02. ACCESS TO RECORDS IN THIS CASE IS LIMITED **UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, § 1161.2.5.**

Notice to the person being sued:

- You are the defendant if your name is listed in (2) of this form or on form SC-500A. The person suing you is the plaintiff, listed in (1).
- You and the plaintiff must go to court on the trial date listed below. If you do not go to court, you may lose the case. If you lose, the court can order that your wages, money, or property be taken to pay this claim. (Note: This small claims case cannot result in your eviction.) Bring witnesses, receipts, and any other evidence you need to prove your case.
- Read this form and all pages attached to understand the claim against you and to protect your rights, and read SC-500-INFO, COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court for more information, at www.courts.ca.gov/forms.

Aviso al Demandado:

- Usted es el Demandado si su nombre figura en (2) de la página 2 de este formulario, o en el formulario SC-500A. La persona que lo demanda es el Demandante, la que figura en (1) de la página 2.
- Usted y el Demandante tienen que presentarse en la corte en la fecha del juicio indicada a continuación. Si no se presenta, puede perder el caso. Si pierde el caso, la corte podría ordenar que le quiten de su sueldo, dinero u otros bienes para pagar este reclamo. (Nota: Este caso de reclamos menores no puede resultar en un desalojo.) Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier otra prueba que necesite para probar su caso.
- · Lea este formulario y todas las páginas adjuntas para entender la demanda en su contra y para proteger sus derechos, y lea SC-500-INFO, La deuda de alquiler del COVID-19 en la corte de reclamos menores para más información, en www.courts.ca.gov/forms. Order to Go to Court

The people in (1) and (2) must go to court: (Clerk fills out section below.)

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Instructions for the person suing:

- You are the plaintiff. The person you are suing is the defendant.
- Before you fill out this form, read forms SC-500-INFO and SC-100-INFO to know your rights. Get the forms at any courthouse or county law library, or go to www.courts.ca.gov/forms.
- Fill out pages 2, 3, and 4 of this form. Make copies of all the pages of this form and any attachments—one for each party named in this case and an extra copy for yourself. Take or mail the original and the copies to the court clerk's office and pay the filing fee. The clerk will write the date of your trial in the box above. Your court may allow electronic filing. Check your local court website for information: www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.
- You must have someone at least 18—not you or anyone else listed in this case—give each defendant a court-stamped copy of all pages of this form and any pages this form tells you to attach. See forms <u>SC-104</u> and <u>SC-104B</u>.
- Go to court on your trial date listed above. Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case.

Fill in court name and street address:

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Court fills in case number when form is filed.

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contact the clerk's office for *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Information for the defendant (the person being sued)

"Small claims court" is a special court where generally only claims for \$12,500 or less are decided. This limitation has been lifted for cases for recovery of COVID-19 rental debt.* The process is quick and cheap. The rules are simple and informal. You are the defendant—the person being sued. The person who is suing you is the plaintiff.

Do I need a lawyer? You may talk to a lawyer before or after the case. But you *may not* have a lawyer represent you in court (unless this is an appeal from a small claims case).

How do I get ready for court? Read form <u>SC-500-INFO</u>, <u>COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court</u>. You don't have to file any papers before your trial, unless you think this is the wrong court for your case. But bring to your trial any witnesses, receipts, and evidence that support your case. And read "Be Prepared for Your Trial" at www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/prepare.

Where can I get the court forms I need? Go to any courthouse or your county law library, or get forms at www.courts.ca.gov/forms.

What if I need an accommodation? If you have a disability or are hearing impaired, fill out form MC-410, *Disability Accommodation Request*. Give the form to your court clerk or the ADA/Access Coordinator.

What if I don't speak English well? Ask the court clerk as soon as possible for a court-provided interpreter. You may use form INT-300, Request for Interpreter (Civil), or a local court form to request an interpreter. If a court interpreter is unavailable for your trial, it may be necessary to reschedule your trial. You cannot bring your own interpreter for the trial unless the interpreter has been approved by the court as a certified, registered, or provisionally qualified interpreter. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.893, and form INT-140.)

What happens at the trial? The judge will listen to both sides. The judge may make a decision at your trial or mail the decision to you later.

What if I lose the case? If you lose, you may appeal. You'll have to pay a fee. (Plaintiffs cannot appeal their own claims.)

- If you were at the trial, file form <u>SC-140</u>, <u>Notice of Appeal</u>. You must file within 30 days after the clerk hands or mails you the judge's decision (judgment) on form <u>SC-200</u> or form <u>SC-130</u>, <u>Notice of Entry of Judgment</u>.
- If you were not at the trial, fill out and file form <u>SC-135</u>, Notice of Motion to Vacate Judgment and Declaration, to ask the judge to cancel the judgment (decision). If the judge does not give you a new trial, you have 10 days to appeal the decision. File form <u>SC-140</u>.

For more information on appeals, see <u>www.courts.ca.gov/</u> <u>smallclaims/appeals</u>.

Do I have options? Yes. If you are being sued, you can:

Settle your case before the trial. If you and the
plaintiff agree on how to settle the case before the trial, the
plaintiff must file form <u>CIV-110</u>, <u>Request for Dismissal</u> or a
written and signed settlement agreement with the clerk. Ask the
Small Claims Advisor for help.

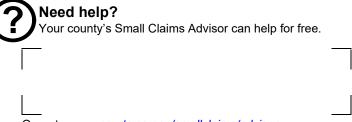
- Prove this is the wrong court. Send a letter to the court before your trial explaining why you think this is the wrong court. Ask the court to dismiss the claim. You must serve (give) a copy of your letter (by mail or in person) to all parties. (Your letter to the court must say you have done so.)
- Go to the trial and try to win your case. Bring
 witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your
 case. To have the court order a witness to go to the trial, fill out
 form SC-107, Small Claims Subpoena and Declaration
 and
 have it served on the witness.
- Sue the person who is suing you. If you have a claim against the plaintiff, and the claim is for \$12,500 or less, you may file Defendant's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court (form SC-120) and bring the claim in this action. If your claim is for more than allowed in small claims court, you may still file it in small claims court if you give up the amount over the small claims value amount, or you may file a claim for the full value of the claim in the appropriate court. If your claim is for more than allowed in small claims court and relates to the same contract, transaction, matter, or event that is the subject of the plaintiff's claim, you may file your claim in the appropriate court and file a motion to transfer the plaintiff's claim to that court to resolve both matters together. You can see a description of the amounts allowed in the paragraph above, titled "Small Claims Court."
- Agree with the plaintiff's claim and pay the money. Or, if you can't pay the money now, go to your trial and say you want to make payments.
- Let the case "default." If you don't settle and do not go to the trial (default), the judge may give the plaintiff what he or she is asking for plus court costs. If this happens, the plaintiff can legally take your money, wages, and property to pay the judgment. (But not your rental unit; this is not an eviction case.)

What if I need more time?

You can change the trial date if:

- You cannot go to court on the scheduled date (you will have to pay a fee to postpone the trial), or
- You did not get served (receive this order to go to court) at least 15 days before the trial (or 20 days if you live outside the county).

Ask the Small Claims Clerk about the rules and fees for postponing a trial. Or fill out form <u>SC-150</u> (or write a letter) and mail it to the court *and* to all other people listed on your court papers before the deadline. Enclose a check for your court fees, unless a fee waiver was granted.



Or go to www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/advisor.

*Limits do not apply in an action to recover COVID-19 rental debt, which is unpaid rent or other financial obligations of a tenant that are due between March 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021. (See Code Civ. Proc., §§ 116.223 & 1179.02.) Read SC-500-INFO, COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court.

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Información para el demandado (la persona demandada)

La "Corte de reclamos menores" es una corte especial donde generalmente se deciden casos por \$12,500 o menos. Se suspendió este límite para acciones para reclamar una deuda de alquiler del COVID-19.* El proceso es rápido y económico. Las reglas son sencillas e informales. Usted es el Demandado—la persona que se está demandando. La persona que lo está demandando es el Demandante.

¿Necesito un abogado? Puede hablar con un abogado antes o después del caso. Pero no puede tener a un abogado que lo represente ante la corte (a menos que se trate de una apelación de un caso de reclamos menores).

¿Cómo me preparo para ir a la corte? Lea el formulario SC-500-INFO, La deuda de alquiler del COVID-19 en la corte de reclamos menores. No tiene que presentar ningún documento antes del juicio, a menos que piense que ésta es la corte equivocada para su caso. Pero lleve al juicio los testigos, recibos y pruebas que apoyan su caso. Y lea "Esté preparado para su juicio" en www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/preparese.

¿Dónde puedo obtener los formularios de la corte que necesito? Vaya a cualquier edificio de la corte, la biblioteca legal de su condado, o imprima los formularios en www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/forms (página está en inglés).

¿Qué hago si necesito una modificación? Si tiene una discapacidad o tiene impedimentos de audición, puede llenar el formulario MC-410, Solicitud de modificaciones para discapacidad. Entregue el formulario al secretario de la corte o al Coordinador de Acceso/ADA de su corte.

¿Qué pasa si no hablo bien inglés? Solicite un intérprete al secretario de la corte lo más pronto posible. Puede usar el formulario INT-300 o un formulario de su corte local. Si no está disponible un intérprete de la corte para su juicio, es posible que se tenga que cambiar la fecha de su juicio. No puede llevar su propio intérprete para el juicio a menos que el intérprete haya sido aprobado por la corte como un intérprete certificado, registrado, o provisionalmente calificado. (Vea la regla 2.893 de las Reglas de la Corte de California, y el formulario INT-140.)

¿Qué pasa en el juicio? El juez escuchará a ambas partes. El juez puede tomar su decisión durante la audiencia o enviársela por correo después.

¿Qué pasa si pierdo el caso? Si pierde, puede apelar. Tendrá que pagar una cuota. (El Demandante no puede apelar su propio reclamo.)

- Si estuvo presente en el juicio, llene el formulario SC-140, Aviso de apelación (Notice of Appeal). Tiene que presentarlo dentro de 30 días después de que el secretario le entregue o envíe la decisión (fallo) del juez en el formulario SC-200 o SC-130, Aviso de publicación del fallo (Notice of Entry of Judgment).
- Si no estuvo en el juicio, llene y presente el formulario SC-135, Aviso de petición para anular el fallo y Declaración para pedirle al juez que anule el fallo (decisión). Si la corte no le otorga un nuevo juicio, tiene 10 días para apelar la decisión. Presente el formulario SC-140.

Para obtener más información sobre las apelaciones, vea www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/apelaciones.

- ¿Tengo otras opciones? Sí. Si lo están demandando, puede:
- Resolver su caso antes del juicio. Si usted y el Demandante se ponen de acuerdo en cómo resolver el caso antes del juicio, el Demandante tiene que presentar el formulario CIV-110 Solicitud de desestimación (Request for Dismissal) o un acuerdo de resolución escrito y firmado al secretario de la corte. Pídale al Asesor de Reclamos Menores que lo ayude.

- Probar que es la corte equivocada. Envíe una carta a la corte antes del juicio explicando por qué cree que es la corte equivocada. Pídale a la corte que despida el reclamo. Tiene que entregar (dar) una copia de su carta (por correo o en persona) a todas las partes. (Su carta a la corte tiene que decir que hizo la entrega.)
- Ir al juicio y tratar de ganar el caso. Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier prueba que necesite para probar su caso. Si desea que la corte emita una orden de comparecencia para que los testigos vayan al juicio, llene el formulario SC-107, Citatorio de reclamos menores (Small Claims Subpoena) y entrégueselo legalmente al testigo.
- Demandar a la persona que lo demandó. Si tiene un reclamo contra el Demandante, y el reclamo se puede presentar en la corte de reclamos menores, tal como se describe en este formulario, puede presentar el formulario SC-120, Reclamo del demandado (Defendant's Claim) y presentarlo en este mismo caso. Si su reclamo excede el límite permitido en la corte de reclamos menores, puede igualmente presentarlo en la corte de reclamos menores si está dispuesto a limitar su reclamo al máximo permitido, o puede presentar un reclamo por el monto total en la corte apropiada. Si su reclamo excede el límite permitido en la corte de reclamos menores y está relacionado con el mismo contrato, transacción, asunto o acontecimiento que el reclamo del Demandante, puede presentar su reclamo en la corte apropiada y presentar una moción para transferir el reclamo del Demandante a dicha corte, para poder resolver los dos reclamos juntos. Puede ver una descripción de los montos permitidos en el párrafo anterior titulado "Corte de reclamos menores".
- Aceptar el reclamo del Demandante y pagar el dinero. O, si no puede pagar en ese momento, vaya al juicio y diga que quiere hacer los pagos a plazos.
- No ir al juicio y aceptar el fallo por falta de comparecencia. Si no llega a un acuerdo con el Demandante y no va al juicio (fallo por falta de comparecencia), el juez le puede otorgar al Demandante lo que está reclamando más los costos de la corte. En ese caso, el Demandante legalmente puede tomar su dinero, su sueldo o sus bienes para cobrar el fallo. (Pero no su hogar alquilado; esto no es un caso de desalojo.)

¿Qué hago si necesito más tiempo? Puede cambiar la fecha del juicio si:

- No puede ir a la corte en la fecha programada (tendrá que pagar una cuota para aplazar el juicio), o
- No le entregaron los documentos legalmente (no recibió la orden para ir a la corte) por lo menos 15 días antes del juicio (o 20 días si vive fuera del condado).

Pregúntele al secretario de reclamos menores sobre las reglas y las cuotas para aplazar un juicio. O llene el formulario SC-150 (o escriba una carta) y envíelo antes del plazo a la corte y a todas las otras personas que figuran en sus papeles de la corte. Adjunte un cheque para pagar los costos de la corte, a menos que le hayan dado una exención.



¿Necesita ayuda? El Asesor de Reclamos Menores de su condado le puede ayudar sin cargo.

O visite <u>www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/asesores.</u>

*Los límites no se aplican a las acciones para reclamar una deuda de alquiler del COVID-19, que se define como alquiler u otras obligaciones financieras impagas de un inquilino que vencieron entre el 1 de marzo de 2020 y el 30 de septiembre de 2021. (Vea el Código de Procedimiento Civil, secciones 116.223 y 1179.02.) Lea el formulario SC-500-INFO, La deuda de alquiler del COVID-19 en la corte de reclamos menores.

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(COVID-19 Rental Debt)

SC-500-INFO COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court

Beginning November 1, 2021, a landlord has the option to bring an action in small claims court to recover COVID-19 rental debt that is more than the normal limits for small claims actions. The purpose of bringing these claims in small claims court is to resolve disputes about COVID-19 rental debt. The small claims court cannot determine possession of residential property or evict a tenant from property.

What is COVID-19 rental debt?

COVID-19 rental debt means any unpaid rent or any other money owed under a residential lease or residential rental agreement (for example, parking fees or utility payments) that came due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021.

What is small claims court?

Small claims court is a special court where disputes are resolved quickly and inexpensively. The rules are simple and informal. You may ask a lawyer for advice before you go to court, but you cannot have a lawyer in court.

Who are the parties in a small claims case?

- The person who sues is the plaintiff, the landlord in these cases. If the landlord is a business, an employee such as a property manager may go to a small claims trial for the landlord (use form SC-109, Authorization to Appear).
- The person who is sued is the defendant, the tenant in these cases. There may be more than one tenant paying rent for a single residence. The landlord may want to name all tenants as defendants.

How does a COVID-19 rental debt case start in the small claims court?

The landlord must:

- Complete and file form SC-500, Plaintiff's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court (COVID-19 Rental Debt);
- Attach documentation showing the landlord's goodfaith efforts to seek rental assistance (examples of documentation include emails, texts, and notes from phone calls); and
- Serve the form on the tenants (see form SC-100-INFO, *Information for the Plaintiff*).

How does a tenant respond?

A tenant does not need to file any papers before the trial date. Tenants should go to court on the day of trial with evidence about the amount of COVID-19 rental debt owed, if any.

What should tenant take to small claims court for a COVID-19 rental debt case?

Both the landlord and the tenant in a small claims action for COVID-19 rental debt can present arguments and evidence about how much money they believe is owed, how much has already been paid, and other factors that can affect the amount of COVID-19 rental debt that must be paid.

The parties should bring the rental agreement, any rental receipts, and any other receipts or other documents that show the following:

- The amounts of COVID-19 rental debt owed and the dates on which each amount came due. Remember that COVID-19 rental debt means rent and other financial obligations that came due between March 1, 2020, and September
- Any amounts that the tenant paid toward the rent or other financial obligations and the dates of payment.
- Any other amounts of rent or other obligations that were paid through rental assistance programs or other third parties on behalf of the tenant.
- Any evidence of conditions affecting the residence, such as items needing repair.
- Any evidence to support arguments made to determine the amount of money owed.

Page 2 of this information sheet provides a list of some of the arguments that landlords and tenants can make to help the court determine the amount of COVID-19 rental debt that is owed.

Can you bring a witness to small claims court?

Both the landlord and the tenant may bring witnesses to the trial who can tell the court what they know about the COVID-19 rental debt, the condition of the home, and agreements between the landlord and the tenant about the need for repairs and payment for repairs.

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COVID-19 Rental Debt in Small Claims Court

What arguments can you make?

The landlord and tenant may disagree about the amount of rent that is owed for various reasons. Read more about these reasons in the California Department of Real Estate's guide at landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/index.html, in the "Living in the Rental Unit" and "Dealing with Problems" sections. Below are questions that can help you identify the issues that may exist in the case and may affect the amount of rent owed.

Please note: This list does not include every possible argument. Other laws, including local ordinances, may affect the rights of landlords and tenants in COVID-19 rental debt cases.

- Did landlord make a good-faith effort to:
 - Investigate whether governmental rental assistance is available to the tenant;
 - Seek governmental rental assistance for the tenant; or
 - Cooperate with the tenant's efforts to obtain rental assistance from any governmental entity or other third party under Civil Code section 1947.3(a)(3)?
- Is there any pending application for rental assistance or other financial compensation from any other source corresponding to the amount claimed?
- Did landlord receive rental assistance or other financial compensation from any other source corresponding to the amount claimed?
- Did landlord improperly apply payments to past-due rent without the tenant's written agreement?
- Does the amount claimed include service fees that were increased or not previously charged?
- Does the amount claimed include late fees on rent or other financial obligations?
- Did landlord improperly raise the rent?
- Did tenant or a third party offer a rental payment that landlord would not accept?
- If the lease or rental agreement was terminated, was the security deposit returned? Read more about the rules for security deposits at www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-eviction-security-deposits.htm.
- Did tenant make needed repairs and properly deduct the cost from the rent? If so, did landlord gave proper credit?
- Did landlord fail to provide habitable premises? This means that if the housing did not meet certain standards, the amount owed may be reduced.

Note: It is illegal for a landlord to retaliate against a tenant for raising any of the above issues or any of the defenses listed on form UD-105, *Answer—Unlawful Detainer*

Can a tenant file a claim in the landlord's case?

A tenant who is a defendant in a COVID-19 rental debt case may bring a claim against the landlord in the same case using form SC-120, *Defendant's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court*.

What if you disagree with the court's decision?

If you are a tenant, you may appeal the decision on a claim filed against you. More information about appeals is available in the information at the end of *Plaintiff's Claim and ORDER to Go to Small Claims Court (COVID-19 Rental Debt)* (form SC-500) and at www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/appeals.

If you are the landlord, you cannot appeal a small claims decision on a claim you filed. (Note that a landlord has the option of filing a COVID-19 rental debt recovery case in general civil court [use form <u>Complaint—Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt</u> (form <u>PLD-C-500)</u>]. In general civil court, all parties may appeal the court's decision and all parties may be represented by lawyers.)

How much does it cost to file a case in small claims court?

The amount the court charges a landlord to file a case in small claims court depends on the amount demanded and how many cases are brought by the landlord in a single year. The filing fees for small claims cases are listed on the Statewide Civil Fee Schedule, available at www.courts.ca.gov/7646.htm. There is no fee for the tenant to go to the hearing.

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What if you cannot afford the filing fee?

If you want to sue someone in small claims court and cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may not have to pay. The court may waive all or part of those fees **if you:** Are getting public benefits; **or**

- Are a person with very low income; or
- Do not have enough income to pay for your
- household's basic needs and your court fees.

To ask the court to waive your fees in small claims court, complete form <u>FW-001</u>, <u>Request to Waive Court Fees</u>. File your request with the court.

Where can you get help with a small claims case?

- Small Claims Advisors. Every county has a Small Claims Advisor who is available to help you with your small claims case. These services are free. To find the Small Claims Advisor in your county, go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-advisors.htm.
- Forms and online help. You can find small claims forms and more information about small claims court at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims. You can also get forms and help at your county law library or the courthouse nearest you.
- Local court websites. Your local court may have additional information and help for your small claims matter. Visit your court's website for current information on small claims hearing procedures. For help finding your court, visit www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.
- Legal services organizations. Local organizations may be able to assist parties in preparing for court. Parties may be able to find a legal service organization that serves their area at http://lawhelpca.org/.
- Lawyers. Both parties may ask a lawyer about the case, but a lawyer may not represent either party in court at the small claims trial. Generally, after judgment and on appeal, both parties may be represented by lawyers.

What help is available when you go to court?

- Accommodations for disability. If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court:
 - You can use form <u>MC-410</u>, <u>Disability</u>
 <u>Accommodation Request</u>, to tell the court about your needs.
 - For more information about making a disability accommodation request, see form MC-410-INFO. How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court.
 - Remember to submit your request to the ADA Coordinator or designated person in your court.
 - Visit your court's website to find the ADA
 Coordinator or designated person. For help
 finding your court, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.
- Interpreters. If you do not speak English well:
 - Ask the court clerk as soon as possible for a courtprovided interpreter.
 - You may use form <u>INT-300</u>, *Request for Interpreter* (Civil), or a local court form to request an interpreter.
 - If no court interpreter is available at the time of your trial, it may be necessary to reschedule your trial.
 - You cannot bring your own interpreter for the trial unless the interpreter has been approved by the court as a certified, registered, or provisionally qualified interpreter. See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.893, and form <u>INT-140</u>, <u>Temporary Use of a Noncertified or Nonregistered Spoken Language Interpreter</u>.

Who can look at your case file?

If you are sued in small claims court for nonpayment of COVID-19 rental debt, only the following people may see the case file:

- The parties (landlords and tenants).
- A person who gives the court clerk the name of at least one landlord and one tenant.
- A person who lives in the residence for which COVID-19 rental debt is owed who shows proof of residency and gives the clerk the case number or the name of one of the parties.
- A person who gets an order from the court after showing that they have good cause to see the case file.

SUMMONS—EVICTION (CITACIÓN JUDICIAL—DESALOJO)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

FOR COURT USE ONLY (SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 10 days. You have 10 DAYS, not counting Saturdays and Sundays and other judicial holidays, after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff.

If this summons was served through the Secretary of State's Safe at Home address confidentiality program, you have 15 days from the date of service, not counting Saturdays and Sundays and other judicial holidays, to respond.

A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts (selfhelp.courts.ca.gov), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts (selfhelp.courts.ca.gov), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Usted ha sido demandado. Si no responde dentro de 10 días, el tribunal puede emitir un fallo en su contra sin una audiencia. Una vez que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales, solo tiene 10 DÍAS, sin contar sábado y domingo y otros días feriados del tribunal, para presentar una respuesta por escrito en este tribunal y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante.

Si la presente citación le ha sido entregado a través del programa de dirección confidencial del Secretario del Estado Seguro en Casa, tiene 15 días después de la fecha de entrega, sin contar sábado y domingo y otros días feriados del tribunal, para responder.

Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protege. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en la Guía de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por falta de comparecencia y se le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpca.org/es), en la Guía de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados local.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos con un gravamen sobre cualquier monto de \$10,000 ó más recibido mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desestimar el caso.

1. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

CASE NUMBER (número de caso):

2. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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PL	AINTIFF (Name):	CASE NUMBER:
DEFE	ENDANT (Name):	
fo	lust be answered in all cases) An unlawful detainer assistant (Bus. & Prof. Code, r compensation give advice or assistance with this form. (If plaintiff has received lawful detainer assistant, complete item 4 below.)	
4. Ur	nlawful detainer assistant (complete if plaintiff has received any help or advice for p	ay from an unlawful detainer assistant):
a.	Assistant's name:	
b.	Telephone no.:	
C.	Street address, city, and zip:	
d. e. f.	County of registration: Registration no.: Registration expires on (date):	
Date: (Fecha	Clerk, by (Secretario)	, Deputy (<i>Adjunto</i>)
	roof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).) prueba de entrega de esta citatión use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons (fo	orm POS-010).)
[SEAL]	5. NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served a as an individual defendant. b as the person sued under the fictitious name of c as an occupant. d on behalf of (specify): under CCP 416.10 (corporation). CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation). CCP 416.40 (association or partnershi) CCP 415.46 (occupant).	CCP 416.60 (minor). CCP 416.70 (conservatee).

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	PHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:		03/18/2025	
	ADDRESS:			NOT APPROVED	
	RNEY FOR (name):				
I	ERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF			BY COUNCIL	
	EET ADDRESS:				
	ING ADDRESS: AND ZIP CODE:				
	BRANCH NAME:				
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	ENDANT:				
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	COMPLAINT—UNLAWF	UL DETAINE	:R*	CASE NUMBER:	
	COMPLAINT AMENDED COMPL	AINT (Amend	lment Number):		
Juri	isdiction (check all that apply):				
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	exceeds \$10,000	·			
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	from unlawful detainer to general limite			from unlimited to limited.	
4	DI AINTIEE (name acab):				
1.	PLAINTIFF (name each):				
	alleges causes of action against DEFENDAN	T (name each)	•		
	anogod dadood of dollott against BELLEND HVT (Hamo oddin).				
2.	a. Plaintiff is (1) an individual over	the age of 18	years. (4) a partne	ership.	
	(2) a public agency.	J	(5) a corpo	•	
	(3) other (specify):		(-)		
		ious husiness	name laws and is doing bu	usiness under the fictitious name of (specify):	
	Trainin had complied with the hear		name lawe and le deing be	defined and the helitied hame of (apceny).	
3.	a. The venue is the court named above be	cause defenda	nt named above is in poss	session of the premises located at (street	
	address, apt. no., city, zip code, and cou	ınty):			
	b. The premises in 3a are (check one)				
	(1) within the city limits of <i>(name</i>	of city):			
	(2) within the unincorporated are	ea of (name of	county):		
	c. The premises in 3a were constructed in	(approximate y	rear):		
4.	Plaintiff's interest in the premises is as	owner	other (specify):		
5.	The true names and capacities of defendants	sued as Does	are unknown to plaintiff.		

* NOTE: Do not use this form for evictions after sale (Code Civ. Proc., § 1161a).

PLAINTIFF:			CASE NUMBER:	
DEFENDANT:				
6.	a. On or about (date): defendant (name each):			
•	(2) agreed to pay rent of \$ (3) agreed to pay rent on the first of the	payable monthly are month other day (special made with predecessor in interest.	ner tenancy (specify): other (specify frequency): ify):	
1	and labeled Exhibit 1. (Required for residential property) A copy of the wind the written agreement is not in the poly (2) this action is solely for nonpayment of	ential property, unless item 6f is ch itten agreement is not attached be ossession of the landlord or the lar	ecause (specify reason): ndlord's employees or agents.	
	The tenancy described in 6 (complete (a) or (b)) a. is not subject to the Tenant Protection Aris exempt is (specify):	ct of 2019 (Civil Code, § 1946.2). ٦	The specific subpart supporting why tenancy	
	b. is subject to the Tenant Protection Act of			
8.				
	a. The tenancy was terminated for at-fault just cause (Civil Code, § 1946.2(b)(1)).			
	b.	just cause (Civil Code, § 1946.2(b))(2)) and the plaintiff <i>(check one)</i>	
	(1) waived the payment of rent for the fi section 1946.2(d)(2), in the amount		ne rent came due, under	
	(2) provided a direct payment of one motor (name each defendant and amount)(3), equaling \$	
_	c. Because defendant failed to vacate, plair a. Defendant (name each):	ntiff is seeking to recover the total	amount in 8b as damages in this action.	
	was served the following notice on the same date (1) 3-day notice to pay rent or quit (2) 30-day notice to quit (3) 60-day notice to quit (4) 3-day notice to quit (5) 30-day notice to quit under the federal CARES Act (15 U.S.C. § 9058)	(6) 3-day notice to perfor (not applicable if item (7) 3-day notice to quit u required notice to per (8) Other (specify):		

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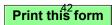
		ITIFF: DANT:	CASE NUMBER:
9.	b. c.	(1) On (date): the period stated in the notice check.(2) Defendants failed to comply with the requirements of the notice by that date.All facts stated in the notice are true.	cked in 9a expired at the end of the day.
	d. e.	The notice included an election of forfeiture. A copy of the notice is attached and labeled Exhibit 2. (Required for resident When Civil Code, § 1946.2(c), applies and two notices are required, provided.	
	f.	One or more defendants were served (1) with the prior required notice under notice, (3) on a different date, or (4) in a different manner, as stated in Attac statement providing the information required by items 9a–e and 10 for each	chment 10c. (Check item 10c and attach a
10.	a.	The notice in item 9a was served on the defendant named in item 9a as follows: (1) By personally handing a copy to defendant on (date): (2) By leaving a copy with (name or description): a person of suitable age and discretion, on (date): residence business AND mailing a copy to defendant at description.	, at defendant's fendant's place of residence
		on (date): By posting a copy on the premises on (date): AND giving a copy to a person found residing at the premises AND material on (date): (a) because defendant's residence and usual place of business cannot (b) because no person of suitable age or discretion can be found the (Not for 3-day notice; see Civil Code, § 1946, before using) By sending addressed to defendant on (date): (5) (Not for residential tenancies; see Civil Code, § 1953, before using) In	ot be ascertained OR re. g a copy by certified or registered mail
	b.	commercial lease between the parties (Name): was served on behalf of all defendants who signed a joint written rental agreement	nt.
	C.	Information about service of notice on the defendants alleged in item 9f is s Proof of service of the notice in item 9a is attached and labeled Exhibit 3.	tated in Attachment Toc.
11.	d.		ved term lease
11. 12.		Plaintiff demands possession from each defendant because of expiration of a fix At the time the 3-day notice to pay rent or quit was served, the amount of rent d	
13.		The fair rental value of the premises is \$ per day.	ue was ψ
14.		Defendant's continued possession is malicious, and plaintiff is entitled to statuto section 1174(b). (State specific facts supporting a claim up to \$600 in Attachment	
15.		A written agreement between the parties provides for attorney fees.	
16.		Defendant's tenancy is subject to the local rent control or eviction control ordinal date of passage):	nce of (city or county, title of ordinance, and
	Plai	ntiff has met all applicable requirements of the ordinances.	
17.		Other allegations are stated in Attachment 17.	
18.	Plaiı	ntiff accepts the jurisdictional limit, if any, of the court.	

PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:	CASE NUMBER:
19. PLAINTIFF REQUESTS	•
 a. possession of the premises. b. costs incurred in this proceeding: c. past-due rent of \$ d. reasonable attorney fees. e. forfeiture of the agreement. 	 f damages in the amount of waived rent or relocation assistance as stated in item 8: \$ g damages at the rate stated in item 13 from date: for each day that defendants remain in possession through entry of judgment. h statutory damages up to \$600 for the conduct alleged in item 14. i other (specify):
20. Number of pages attached (specify):	
UNLAWFUL DETA	INER ASSISTANT (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6400–6415)
21. (Complete in all cases.) An unlawful det for compensation give advice or assistance windetainer assistant, complete a–f.)	tainer assistant did not did th this form. (<i>If declarant has received any help or advice for pay from an unlawful</i>
a. Assistant's name:	c. Telephone no.:
b. Street address, city, and zip code:	d. County of registration:
	e. Registration no.:
	f. Expires on (date):
Date:	
	•
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)
	VERIFICATION
(Use a different verification form if	the verification is by an attorney or for a corporation or partnership.)
am the plaintiff in this proceeding and have read t California that the foregoing is true and correct.	this complaint. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
Date:	
	•
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF)

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COMPLAINT—UNLAWFUL DETAINER

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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPH	HONE NO.:	FAX NO.:		
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	ND ZIP CODE:			
	ANCH NAME:			
	AINTIFF:			
DEFE	NDANT:			
				CASE NUMBER:
	PLAINTIFF'S MAND			GAGE NOMBER
	SUPPLEMENTAL ALLEG	SATIONS—UNLAW	FUL DETAINER	
		dings must file and sei	ve this form. Filing ti	his form complies with the requirement in Code of
	Procedure section 1179.01.5(c).			
	Serve this form and any attachmer			
				or any other means of service authorized by law.
		service of this form, th	ere is no requiremer	nt for defendant to respond to the supplemental
а	allegations before trial.			
T1	atain a foodoon ant in an onlawfol da			
				esidential property, a plaintiff must verify that no
				nt demanded in the notice or accruing afterward, an elaintiff must use Verification by Landlord Regarding
				d provide other information required by statute.
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1 PI	_AINTIFF (name each):			
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all	eges causes of action in the comp	plaint filed in this action	against DEFENDAN	NT (name each):
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2 St	tatutory cover sheet allegations	(Code Civ. Proc. 8.11	79 01 5(c))	
			` ','	
a.	This action seeks possession of			residential commercial.
	(If "residential" is checked, comp items need to be completed exce			ction. If only "commercial" is checked, no further 2.)
b.	This action is based, in whole or	-		•
。	Statements recording up-t-t-	accietance (Descries	l in all actions based	l on nonnovment of rent or any other financial
3.				on nonpayment of rent or any other financial
	Verification Regarding Rental			seeking a default judgment, will also need to file
			-	
a.				m any other source corresponding to the amount
	demanded in the notice underlyi	ng the complaint? L	」Yes No	
b.	Has plaintiff received rental assis	stance or other financia	al compensation fron	n any other source for rent accruing <i>after</i> the date of
	the notice underlying the compla] No ˙	, and the second
	, ,		- 	
C.				nancial compensation from any other source
	corresponding to the amount de	manded in the notice ι	inderlying the compl	aint? Yes No
d.	Does plaintiff have any pending	application for rental a	ssistance or other fir	nancial compensation from any other source for rent
۳.	accruing <i>after</i> the date on the no			No
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY		
NAME:		FOR COURT USE ONLY		
FIRM NAME:				
STREET ADDRESS:				
CITY:	STATE: ZIP CODE:			
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:			
E-MAIL ADDRESS:				
ATTORNEY FOR (name):				
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COU	NTY OF			
STREET ADDRESS:				
MAILING ADDRESS:				
CITY AND ZIP CODE:				
BRANCH NAME:				
PLAINTIFF:				
DEFENDANT:				
COVER SHEET F	FOR DECLARATION OF	CASE NUMBER:		
	ED FINANCIAL DISTRESS			
	L.C C D.C L C			
	Information for Defendant			
A defendant tenant may use this form to file a declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress with the court if a plaintiff has filed an unlawful detainer action against the defendant and asserts that a defendant did not deliver a declaration within the required 15-day period after service of a notice demanding payment of rent or other financial obligations. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(h).)				
For information about legal resources that may be available and to learn about other protections that may be available to you under federal or local law, go to lawhelpca.org or https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/ .				
• The signed declaration (you may use form UD-104(A)) must be filed within 5 days after the summons and legal papers in the case are served on you, not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and other judicial holidays. This is the same time frame in which you must file an answer or other response to the complaint.				
 If the declaration is filed within the time frame described above, the case against you may be dismissed. The court will set a hearing to determine if there was good cause for your not delivering the declaration to the plaintiff in the time required. The court will provide a notice of the time and place of the hearing to all plaintiffs and defendants. At the hearing, you may explain why you did not deliver this to the landlord in the time required. If the court finds that your failure to provide the declaration was due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, the court will dismiss the case against you. 				
 Written filings with the court must be provided in English. (Code Civ. Proc., §185 (a).) If attaching a non-English-language declaration provided by the landlord, you should also attach an English-language version, either a copy that was given to you by the landlord or one from <u>landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/forms.html</u>. You can attach a translation of the declaration instead, if signed by the translator. 				

1. Defendant (name):

has attached a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress to this form, signed by defendant.

2. Number of pages attached, including signed declaration (specify):

Date:	
	•
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY	STATE BAR N	IUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
NAME:			
FIRM NAME:			
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:		
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
ATTORNEY FOR (name):			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUN	TY OF		
STREET ADDRESS:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY AND ZIP CODE:			
BRANCH NAME:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			
ATTACHMENT—DECLAR	ATION OF COVID AL DISTRESS)-19–RELATED	CASE NUMBER:
Review the informati	on on form UD-104	to learn more about wh	en to file this form.

I am currently unable to pay my rent or other financial obligations under the lease in full because of one or more of the following:

- 1. Loss of income caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Increased out-of-pocket expenses directly related to performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Increased expenses directly related to health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4. Childcare responsibilities or responsibilities to care for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that limit my ability to earn income.
- 5. Increased costs for childcare or attending to an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6. Other circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic that have reduced my income or increased my expenses.

Any public assistance, including unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance, state disability insurance (SDI), or paid family leave, that I have received since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic does not fully make up for my loss of income and/or increased expenses.

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Date:	
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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGNATURE)

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ATTORNEY FOR (name):		03/18/2025	
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MAILING ADDRESS:		the Judicial Council	
CITY AND ZIP CODE:			
BRANCH NAME:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			
ANSWER-U	NLAWFUL DETAINER	CASE NUMBER:	
Defendant (all defendants for whom this	answer is filed must be named and must	sign this answer unless their attorney signs):	
answers the complaint as follows.			
2. DENIALS (Check ONLY ONE of the ne	ext two boxes.)		
a. General Denial (Do not check Defendant generally denies ea	this box if the complaint demands more that the statement of the complaint.	han \$1,000.)	
	oox and complete (1) and (2) below if com tatements of the complaint are true EXCE		
Denial of Allegations in Complaint	(form UD-100 or other complaint for un	nlawful detainer)	
(1) Defendant claims the following statements of the complaint are false (state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):			
Explanation is on form MC	-025, titled as Attachment 2b(1)(a).		
(2) Defendant has no information or l	belief that the following statements of the	complaint are true as defendant denice	
them (state paragraph numbers fi	rom the complaint or explain below or, if ne- i-025, titled as Attachment 2b(1)(b).		
		orief facts to support it in item 3s (on page 3) or, if objections at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/eviction-	
a. (Nonpayment of rent only) Pla	intiff has breached the warranty to provide	e habitable premises.	
b. (Nonpayment of rent only) Def not give proper credit.	endant made needed repairs and properl	y deducted the cost from the rent, and plaintiff did	
c. (Nonpayment of rent only) On the rent due but plaintiff would		ne notice to pay or quit expired, defendant offered	
d. (Nonpayment of rent only) Plai	intiff's demand for possession is based or	n nonpayment of rent due more than one year ago.	
e. Plaintiff waived, changed, or c	anceled the notice to quit.	· -	
	the notice to quit or filed the complaint to	retaliate against defendant.	
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PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:			CASE NUMBER:			
	g.	By serving defendant with the notice to quit or filing the complaint, plaintiff is defendant in violation of the Constitution or the laws of the United States or	California.			
	h.	Plaintiff's demand for possession violates the local rent control or eviction control	ontrol ordinance of (city or county, title of			
		(Also, briefly state in item 3s the facts showing violation of the ordinance.)				
	i.	Plaintiff's demand for possession is subject to the Tenant Protection Act of 2 and is not in compliance with the act. (Check all that apply and briefly state is	in item 3 <mark>s</mark> the facts that support each.)			
		(1) Plaintiff failed to state a just cause for termination of tenancy in the writt	en notice to terminate.			
		(2) Plaintiff failed to provide an opportunity to cure any alleged violations of payment of rent) as required under Civil Code section 1946.2(c).	terms and conditions of the lease (other than			
		(3) Plaintiff failed to comply with the relocation assistance requirements of	Civil Code section 1946.2(d).			
		(4) Plaintiff has raised the rent more than the amount allowed under Civil C rent is the unauthorized amount.	ode section 1947.12, and the only unpaid			
		(5) Plaintiff violated the Tenant Protection Act in another manner that defeat	ats the complaint.			
	j.	Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date	e the notice to quit expired.			
	k.	Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on an act—against defendant, defer member of defendant's household—that constitutes domestic violence, sexu of an elder or a dependent adult, or a crime that caused bodily injury, involve force. (This defense requires one of the following, which may be included whorder, protective order, or police report that is not more than 180 days of third party (e.g., a doctor, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, he a victim of violent crime advocate concerning the injuries or abuse resulting documentation or evidence that verifies that the abuse or violence occurred.	all assault, stalking, human trafficking, abuse ed a deadly weapon, or used force or threat of the this form: (1) a temporary restraining d; (2) a signed statement from a qualified uman trafficking caseworker, psychologist, or from these acts); or (3) another form of			
		(1) The abuse or violence was committed by a person who does not live in	the dwelling unit.			
		(2) The abuse or violence was committed by a person who lives in the dwe from eviction under Code of Civil Procedure section 1161.3(d)(2).	lling unit and defendant claims protection			
	I.	Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on defendant or another person call ambulance) by or on behalf of a victim of abuse, a victim of crime, or an indi the other person believed that assistance was necessary.				
	m.	Plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is based on nonpa and (check all that apply)	yment of rent or other financial obligations			
		(1) plaintiff received or has a pending application for rental assistance from some other source relating to the amount claimed in the notice to pay re §§ 50897.1(d)(2)(B) and 50897.3(e)(2).)				
		(2) plaintiff received or has a pending application for rental assistance from some other source for rent accruing since the notice to pay rent or quit. 50897.3(e)(2).)				
		(3) plaintiff's demand for possession is based only on late fees for defendar 15 days of receiving governmental rental assistance. (Health & Saf. Coo				
	n.	Plaintiff violated a local COVID-19–related ordinance regarding evictions (br.	iefly state facts describing this in item 3 <mark>s</mark>).			
	0.	The property is covered by the federal CARES Act and the plaintiff did not property covered by the CARES Act means property where the landlord	rovide 30 days' notice to vacate.			
		 is participating in a covered housing program as defined by the Violence. 	=			
		is participating in the rural housing voucher program under section 542 or for least to the section of the section o	•			
	r	has a federally backed mortgage loan or a federally backed multifamily many property for control of the co				
	p.	Plaintiff refused to accept payment from a third party for rent due. (Civ. Code Defendant has a disability and plaintiff refused to provide a reasonable according to the control of the c	- ,			
	q.	(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 12176(c).)	minouation that was requested.			
	r.	Other defenses and objections are stated in item 3 <mark>s</mark> .				

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D		NTIFF: IDANT:	CASE NUMBER:
3.	S.	(Provide facts for each item checked above, either below or, if more room needed, one of facts or defenses are on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 3s	
4.	OT a. b.	HER STATEMENTS Defendant vacated the premises on (date): The fair rental value of the premises alleged in the complaint is excessive (exform MC-025). Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 4b.	xplain below or, if more room needed, on
	C.	Other (specify below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025): Other statements are on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 4c.	
5.	a.	that plaintiff take nothing requested in the complaint. costs incurred in this proceeding. reasonable attorney fees. that plaintiff be ordered to (1) make repairs and correct the conditions that co habitable premises and (2) reduce the monthly rent to a reasonable rental va. Other (specify below or on form MC-025): All other requests are stated on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 5e	llue until the conditions are corrected.
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CITY:	STATE: ZIP CODE:					
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APPLICATION	TO PREVENT FORFEITURE	CASE NUMBER:				
	OVID-19 RENTAL DEBT					
This form must be filed by the d	lefendant in an unlawful detainer case to ask the court	to stop the eviction process if the				
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1. Defendant (name):						
asks the court to prevent or reli under Code of Civil Procedure	asks the court to prevent or relieve forfeiture of the lease or rental agreement for property at issue in this unlawful detainer case under Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.13.					
2. Both of the following statements are true:						
a. This unlawful detainer case is based on a demand for payment of rent or other financial obligation that was due during one or both of the following time periods (check any periods below when rent was due):						
	, 2020, and September 30, 2021.					
(2) between October 1, 2021.	1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, and the defendant's ter	nancy was initially established before October				
D. A government rental assistation financial obligations demand	ance program has approved an application for rental a ded.	ssistance for part or all of the rent or other				
3. (Defendant must check a or b.)						
a. A copy of the final decision from a government rental assistance program approving the application for rental assistance for the property in this case is attached. (The approval must show the property address and the amount of payment approved, and the time period the payment covers.)						
b. (The following information must be provided if a copy of the approval is not available.)						
(1) The address for the pro	operty at issue in this case (address):					
(2) The application number	r assigned to defendant's rental assistance application	:				
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(3) The name of the govern	nment rental assistance program that granted the appr	roval (if known):				
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.						
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