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INVITATION TO COMMENT

W26-03

Title

Civil Practice and Procedure: Name Change and Gender Change Rules and Forms

Action Requested

Review and submit comments by January 7, 2026

Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes

Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.575 and 2.577; adopt forms NC-200, NC-210G, NC-221/NC-321/NC-521, NC-225, NC-230, and NC-230G; approve forms NC-015, NC-030, NC-200-INFO, and NC-250/NC-350/NC-550; revise forms NC-100, NC-100-INFO, NC-110, NC-130, NC-300, NC-300-INFO, NC-311, NC-312, NC-325, NC-330, NC-400, NC-400-INFO, NC-500, NC-500-INFO, NC-510G, NC-520, and NC-530; and revoke forms NC-125 and NC-150

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Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
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Executive Summary and Origin

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee is proposing revisions and additions to the Judicial Council forms that individuals use to request a change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier. The proposal implements Assembly Bill 1084 (Stats. 2025, ch. 723) and Senate Bill 59 (Stats. 2025, ch. 738). AB 1084, which becomes operative on July 1, 2026, streamlines the process associated with a change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier. SB 59 makes court records associated with these proceedings confidential and gives the Judicial Council until July 1, 2026, to develop rules and forms to implement that new law. The proposal also makes various technical or clarifying changes and updates rules and forms that participants in the Secretary of State's address confidentiality

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program (Safe at Home) may use to request confidential name changes. Finally, the committee proposes revisions to certain forms in response to feedback from members of the public regarding clarity and ease of use.

Background

SB 59 and AB 1084 enhance privacy and streamline the process for seeking a change of name or recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier. Broadly, SB 59 makes court records confidential, while AB 1084 dispenses with the order to show cause requirement for two types of proceedings and eliminates the requirement that a judgment be filed with specified state and local entities within 30 days.

Senate Bill 59: confidentiality and limitations on access

Senate Bill 59 repeals section 103437 of the Health and Safety Code as it existed and enacts a new version of that section. Under new section 103437, courts are required to do both of the following:

- Keep court records that are associated with a proceeding for a “change of name or gender and sex identifier, or both,” as defined,¹ confidential. This includes the index, register of actions, and any other case information used to provide the public with electronic access to court records.²
- Limit access to these records, with distinctions between who can access these records “until the court orders a change” and “upon the court ordering a change.”³

The confidentiality requirements and limitations on access described above apply if the petition is filed on or after July 1, 2026, or if the records in the proceeding were previously made confidential by statute or otherwise.⁴

For petitions filed before July 1, 2026, the confidentiality requirements and limitations on access described above also apply if the petitioner files a request to keep the records confidential; the petitioner may make such a request *ex parte* and without paying a filing fee.⁵ The bill additionally provides that if a petitioner discovers that court records in their proceeding are not

¹ This is a defined term that means “a proceeding for a change of gender and sex identifier pursuant to Section 103430 [of the Health and Safety Code], for a combined change of the petitioner’s name and recognition of the change to the petitioner’s gender and sex identifier pursuant to Section 103435 [of the Health and Safety Code], or for a change of name to conform the petitioner’s name to the petitioner’s gender identity pursuant to Title 8 (commencing with Section 1275) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure.”

² Health & Saf. Code, § 103437(b)(1).

³ *Id.*, § 103437(b)(2)–(3).

⁴ *Id.*, § 103437(c)(1), (3).

⁵ *Id.*, § 103437(c)(2). The court must also make the request and all associated records confidential. *Ibid.*

being kept confidential by the court, the petitioner may apply *ex parte* for that order, without paying a filing fee, and the court shall enter an order making the records confidential.⁶

Assembly Bill 1084: orders to show cause and filing the judgment

Change of name to conform to gender identity

The NC-100 form series is currently used if an adult or a minor wants to petition for a court order recognizing a change of name.⁷ Under existing law, an order to show cause is required for petitions requesting a change of name, including a change of name to conform to one's gender identity.

AB 1084 would, beginning on July 1, 2026, instead do all of the following:

- Dispense with the order to show cause requirement for two types of proceedings: (1) a proceeding for a change of name to conform an adult petitioner's name to their gender identity, and (2) a proceeding for a change of name to conform a minor's name to their gender identity if all living parents of the minor sign the petition. Instead, for these two proceedings, the court must, without a hearing and within six weeks of the petition's filing, enter an order that the name change is granted, except as provided in Code of Civil Procedure section 1279.5.⁸
- Retain the order to show cause process for a proceeding for a change of name to conform a minor petitioner's name to their gender identity where less than all living parents sign the petition. The legislation additionally requires the order to show cause to state that if no objection is filed, the court shall, without hearing, enter the order that the change of name is granted "after the completion of the six weeks, except as provided in Section 1279.5."⁹ Moreover, the legislation requires service on any nonsigning parent within four weeks from the date the order was made.¹⁰

Recognition of a change in gender and sex identifier

If a person wants to petition for a court order recognizing a change in the petitioner's gender and sex identifier,¹¹ or file a single petition to change the petitioner's name and recognize a change in

⁶ *Id.*, § 103437(d). The court must also make the application and all associated records confidential. *Ibid.*

⁷ For petitions to both change the petitioner's name and recognize a change in the petitioner's gender and sex identifier, see "recognition of a change in gender and sex identifier," below.

⁸ See Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(a)–(b)(1).

⁹ *Id.*, § 1277.5(b)(2)(B).

¹⁰ *Id.*, § 1277.5(b)(2)(C).

¹¹ Health & Saf. Code, § 103430.

the petitioner's gender and sex identifier,¹² that is addressed through the NC-300 form series for adults and the NC-500 form series for minors.

With respect to recognition of a change in gender and sex identifier, beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1084 retains the order to show cause processes outlined in existing law. This includes, among other things, requiring an order to show cause to issue if the petitioner requests the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate but the spouse who shares that document does not sign the petition and is capable of doing so.¹³ For petitions to recognize a change of gender, AB 1084 additionally requires an order to show cause to state that if no objection is filed, the court shall, without hearing, enter the order that the gender and sex identifier recognition is granted "after the completion of the six weeks."¹⁴

Filing the judgment

Under existing law, a petitioner must file the judgment with the Secretary of State, State Registrar, or county clerk "within 30 days" from the date of the judgment.¹⁵ AB 1084 eliminates the "within 30 days" requirement.

Safe at Home program

Safe at Home is a confidential address program administered by the California Secretary of State's Office. Safe at Home offers a substitute mailing address for program participants.

Courts are required to keep confidential the current legal name and proposed new name of Safe at Home participants who petition for a change of name to avoid domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking.¹⁶ Before filing a name change petition, the petitioner must have their proposed new name on file with Safe at Home. Moreover, the petition and the order of the court shall, in lieu of reciting the proposed name, indicate that the proposed name is confidential and is on file with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the address confidentiality program.¹⁷

The Safe at Home program expressed concerns that, if the petition is filed with the court before Safe at Home has confirmed they have the intended name change on file, the petitioner will not be able to complete the forms correctly and may not receive these statutory protections. Additionally, the Safe at Home program had previously expressed concerns that if the petition

¹² Health and Safety Code section 103435 provides the statutory authority for a single petition to change the petitioner's name and recognize a change of gender and sex identifier and, if requested, to order the issuance of a new birth certificate, marriage license and certificate, confidential marriage license and certificate, or birth certificate of the petitioner's child.

¹³ Health & Saf. Code, § 103430(b)(2) & (e)(3).

¹⁴ *Id.*, § 103430(e).

¹⁵ *Id.*, §§ 103431, 103435.

¹⁶ Code Civ. Proc., § 1277(b).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*

and order recite the person's proposed name in error, this can create safety concerns for Safe at Home program participants.

The Proposal

To reflect the new laws, make various technical or clarifying changes, and address feedback received by committee staff regarding how to make these forms easier to use, the proposal includes the changes summarized below.

Forms NC-015 and NC-030

Under Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(2), a petitioner in a proceeding filed before July 1, 2026, may file a request to keep the records in the proceeding confidential. Moreover, Health and Safety Code section 103437(d) provides that if a petitioner discovers that their court records are not being kept confidential, the petitioner may apply for an order making the records confidential. To implement SB 59, the committee proposes approving two new optional-use forms for this purpose, *Request to Make Records Confidential* (form NC-015) and *Order to Make Records Confidential* (form NC-030).

NC-100 form series (name change forms)

The existing Judicial Council forms for name change petitions (forms NC-100 to NC-150)¹⁸ currently address all varieties of name changes, including name changes to conform to one's gender identity and all other name changes.

Under SB 59, court records relating to name changes to conform to gender identity are confidential. Therefore, the committee proposes splitting the existing content of NC-100 form series into two sets of forms by (1) retaining the NC-100 form series for name changes that are not related to one's gender identity, and (2) creating a new series of forms starting at form NC-200 for name changes to conform to gender identity (which, starting on July 1, 2026, are automatically confidential).

The committee proposes the following revisions to the NC-100 form series as well as the revocation of two forms to implement SB 59 and enhance clarity for court users regarding the requirements of the Safe at Home program:

- *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100). The committee proposes revising the form's instruction on page 1 to provide information regarding when forms NC-200, NC-300, and NC-500 should be used and to provide additional information regarding the Safe at Home program. The proposed revisions further include deleting item 6, which previously read "This petition seeks to change the name [petitioner or name] to conform to that person's gender identity," as form NC-100 would no longer be used to change one's name conform to their gender identity. Finally, the committee proposes deleting in item 5 the prompts for a name of

¹⁸ Note that under the existing forms, form NC-150 is also used to reflect a change in the petitioner's gender.

the near relative, guardian, or attorney completing the form. These name fields are duplicative because the petitioner's name is already listed in item 1.

- *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO). The committee proposes removing information regarding a name change to conform to gender identity from items 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10. The committee also proposes revising item 3 to indicate that a participant in the Safe at Home program should not file anything with the court until Safe at Home has confirmed a person's active participation in the program. The committee proposes revising item 4 to enhance clarity regarding when forms NC-200-INFO, NC-300-INFO, or NC-500-INFO should be used. The committee proposes revising item 5 to delete information regarding the preparation of an original *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010), as similar information is already included in item 4. Finally, the committee proposes various revisions to use simpler language.
- *Name and Information about the Person Whose Name is to be Changed* (form NC-110). The proposed revisions to this form include deleting the text reading "Attachment to Petition form NC-300 or form NC-500" under the title of the form. As discussed below, the committee proposes incorporating the relevant portions of form NC-110 into forms NC-300 and NC-500. Moreover, the committee recommends renumbering form NC-110 to begin with item 1a rather than item 7b.
- *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-125). The committee proposes revoking form NC-125, as that form is only used for a change of name to conform to gender identity.¹⁹
- *Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130). The committee proposes adding information that explains how to complete the form if the person whose name is being changed is a participant in the Safe at Home program.
- *Notice of Hearing on Petition* (form NC-150). The committee proposes revoking form NC-150 because the objections listed are no longer relevant to a form series dedicated to name changes that are unrelated to one's gender identity.

NC-200 form series (confidential forms for change of name to conform to gender identity)

The committee proposes a new series of confidential forms starting at NC-200 for name changes to conform to gender identity. Except for the information sheet, the committee proposes that all forms in the series include a CONFIDENTIAL banner at the top of each page.

To implement SB 59 and AB 1084, the committee proposes the following new forms:

¹⁹ The order to show cause for name changes not related to gender identity would not be changed. See *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120).

- *Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-200). The committee proposes mandatory form NC-200, a petition that allows petitioners to request a change of name to conform to gender identity.²⁰ To implement AB 1084, item 3 would include an instruction that requests for the issuance of an order to show cause to only be made if the petition is being filed on behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all of the minor's living parents.
- *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-200-INFO). The committee proposes a new information sheet to accompany form NC-200.
- *Supplemental Attachment to Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-210G). The committee proposes a new mandatory supplemental attachment, form NC-210G, that a guardian must prepare for a child whose name is to be changed.
- *Proof of Service of Order to Show Cause (Related to Gender Identity)* (form NC-221/NC-321/NC-521). The committee proposes a new mandatory proof of service form for use across three petition types. The committee requests specific comment as to whether the cross-numbering of the proposed form would present any administrative difficulty for courts.
- *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-225). The committee proposes new mandatory form NC-225 to facilitate the order to show cause process for a change of name to conform to gender identity. To implement AB 1084, the form would indicate that it should be used only if the petition is being filed on behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all the minor's living parents. Item 2 implements AB 1084 and would match the phrasing seen in statute.²¹
- *Decree Changing Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-230). The committee proposes a new mandatory form for the court's order regarding the request for a change of name to conform to gender identity.
- *Decree Changing Name of Minor to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-230G). The committee proposes a new mandatory form for the court's order about a guardian's request to change a child's name.

²⁰ Form NC-200 is based on form NC-100 and form NC-110. The items that are duplicative between form NC-100 and form NC-110 would only appear one time on new form NC-200. For example, both item 2 of existing form NC-100 and item 7b of existing form NC-110 request the person's current name and their proposed name. Proposed form NC-200 would instead, at item 4, only require that information to be provided in one instance.

²¹ Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(b)(2)(B).

- *Notice of Hearing on Petition* (form NC-250/NC-350/NC-550). The committee proposes a new optional form which informs the petitioner that the court has set a hearing because someone is opposing their request. Like the proof of service, this form may be used across three types of petitions. The committee requests specific comment as to whether cross-numbering the proposed form would present any administrative difficulty for courts. The committee also requests specific comment regarding whether there are any other objections that would be helpful to list on item 1 of the proposed form.²²

NC-300 form series (confidential forms for change of gender for adult petitioners)

Forms NC-300 to NC-330 are the existing Judicial Council forms associated with petitions recognizing an adult petitioner's change of gender. The forms also facilitate combined petitions to change an adult petitioner's name and to recognize their change of gender²³ and authorize the issuance of new certificates.²⁴

To implement SB 59, the committee proposes revising the NC-300 form series to include a CONFIDENTIAL banner at the top of each page, except for the information sheet. The committee also proposes adding "adult" to the titles of forms NC-300, NC-300-INFO, and NC-330 to further distinguish those forms from the forms used for minors in the NC-500 form series.

To implement SB 59 and AB 1084, the following forms would be revised:

- *Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300). The committee proposes revising form NC-300 by incorporating the relevant items from form NC-110.²⁵ Additionally, item 4b of form NC-300, which requests the court to issue an order to show cause related to the petition for change of name, would be omitted because AB 1084 dispenses with the order to show cause requirement for adult petitioners seeking a change of name to conform to their gender identity.²⁶ Moreover, the proposed forms distinguish between the signatures required by all petitioners who use form NC-300 and the signatures required only if the petitioner is also requesting a change of name.²⁷

²² For example, Health and Safety Code section 103430(e)(1) and (2) discuss objections by a nonsigning parent or living grandparent.

²³ Health & Saf., § 103435(a).

²⁴ Health & Saf., § 103425.

²⁵ Not all items from form NC-110 are relevant in the context of form NC-300, as form NC-300 only addresses adult petitioners. For example, while existing form NC-110 contains checkboxes to indicate whether the petition is being applied for on the behalf of one's "self" or "other," form NC-300 is only brought by an adult petitioning on their own behalf. Additionally, venue item and request for a decree to change the petitioner's name at item 4 of existing form NC-300 are instead incorporated directly into new item 5 alongside other relevant portions of form NC-110.

²⁶ See Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(a).

²⁷ The proposed revisions to form NC-300 include adding an instruction above the existing declaration on page 2 that the declaration must be completed by all petitioners. This is to distinguish this declaration from the new declaration added on page 3, which only applies to petitioners requesting a change of name. The committee similarly

- *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300-INFO). The committee proposes deleting references to form NC-110 and conforming revisions to reflect the petition's revised content. The committee also proposes deleting all references to *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-125). The committee further proposes revising item 7 to reflect that a hearing date will be set if the petitioner is seeking a change to their marriage license and certificate, and the spouse sharing that document has not signed the form. Finally, the committee proposes deleting the language in items 9 and 10 that speaks to filing a certified copy of the order “within 30 days.”
- *Birth Certificate for Child of Petitioner—Attachment* (form NC-311) and *Marriage License and Certificate—Attachment* (form NC-312). The proposed revisions to these forms include the addition of the CONFIDENTIAL banner and an updated signature line.
- *Order to Show Cause—Issuance of New Marriage License and Certificate* (form NC-325). To implement AB 1084, the committee proposes adding “after the completion of the six weeks” to the court's order.
- *Order Recognizing Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, For Name Change, and for Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-330). To implement AB 1084, the committee proposes removing references to the 30-day time period for filing a copy of the order with the county clerk or State Registrar.

NC-400 form series (Safe at Home confidential cover sheet and information sheet)

Form NC-400 is a confidential cover sheet for name change petitions under the Safe at Home program. To highlight the requirements of the Safe at Home program, the committee proposes revising the instructions at the top of *Confidential Cover Sheet—Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400) to add information explaining that form NC-100 should not be filed until after the Safe at Home program has confirmed that the petitioner's proposed new name is on file. The committee also proposes reformatting the instruction box to be easier to read and revising the first and fourth bullet points to use simpler language.

Information Sheet for Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home) (form NC-400-INFO) would also be revised to state: “Do not file anything with the court until you are an active participant in the Safe at Home program.” The committee proposes revising much of the form to use plain language and to use the second person, in keeping with current practices for information sheets.

proposes adding an instruction above the new declaration on page 3 indicating that this declaration should only be signed if a name change is being sought.

NC-500 form series (confidential forms for change of gender for minors)

Forms NC-500 to NC-530 are the existing Judicial Council forms associated with petitions recognizing a minor's change of gender. The forms also facilitate combined petitions to change a minor's name and to recognize their change of gender. The forms additionally authorize the issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting these changes.

The committee proposes adding a CONFIDENTIAL banner at the top of each page, except for the information sheet. To implement SB 59 and AB 1084, the following forms would be revised:

- *Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate and Change of Name* (form NC-500). The committee proposes revising form NC-500 to incorporate the relevant items from form NC-110.²⁸ Additionally, existing item 9 would be deleted and its relevant subitems would be incorporated into new item 10. To implement AB 1084, the committee proposes adding an instruction to item 10f to indicate that an order to show cause related to a change of name should only be requested if the petition does not include the signatures of all the minor's living parents.²⁹ A new subheading entitled "Request for Issuance of New California Certificate" would also be inserted.³⁰ Moreover, the proposed forms distinguish between the signatures that are required by all petitioners who use form NC-500 and the signatures that are required only if a petitioner is also requesting a change of name.³¹
- *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier* (form NC-500-INFO). The committee proposes deleting references to form NC-110. On items 3 and 6, under the discussion of the order to show cause, the committee

²⁸ Not all items from form NC-110 are relevant in the context of form NC-500, as form NC-500 only addresses petitions that are brought on the behalf of a minor. For example, while existing form NC-110 contains checkboxes to indicate whether the petition is being applied for on the behalf of one's "self" or "other," form NC-500 is only brought on the behalf of a minor.

²⁹ See Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(b).

³⁰ The committee proposes locating the following items underneath this new subheading: requests for a new birth certificate and an indication that a decree changing the name for the minor was previously obtained.

³¹ Existing form NC-500 includes a declaration under penalty of perjury that the request is to conform the person's legal gender to their gender identity and not for any fraudulent purpose. The proposed revisions to form NC-500 include adding an instruction above that existing declaration stating that the declaration may be completed by the minor and that all petitioners must sign below. (Health & Saf. Code, § 103430(a)–(b)(1).)

Moreover, a court user provided feedback to committee staff via email that the existing declaration on form NC-500 was odd in that it required a minor to sign a declaration under penalty of perjury. However, Health and Safety Code section 103430(a)–(b)(1) specifies that the declaration may be signed by a minor. That same court user additionally noted a lack of clarity regarding who is signing the existing declaration on form NC-500 given the numerous signature lines that follow. In response to this feedback, the committee further proposes placing a text box around the declaration and the signature line for minor.

Proposed form NC-500 also includes a new declaration declaring under penalty of perjury that the information on the petition is true and correct. The committee proposes adding an instruction before this new declaration indicating that these signatures are only required if the petition requests a change of name.

proposes deleting language indicating that an order to show cause is required for a petition that seeks a decree changing a minor's name.³² On item 4, which provides item-by-item instructions regarding how to complete form NC-500, the committee proposes revising the instructions to reflect the proposed reorganization of form NC-500. On item 9, references to the 30-day time period for filing a certified copy of the order with the Secretary of State and State Registrar would be deleted.

- *Declaration of Guardian or Juvenile Attorney* (form NC-510G). The proposed revision to this form includes the addition of the CONFIDENTIAL banner.
- *Order to Show Cause—Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-520). To implement AB 1084, the committee proposes adding “after the completion of the six weeks” to the portion of the form addressing recognition of a gender or sex identifier, and “after the completion of the six weeks, except as provided in Code of Civil Procedure section 1279.5” to the portion of the form addressing a change of name.
- *Order Recognizing Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-530). At item 6, the reference to the 30-day time period for filing a certified copy of the order would be deleted.

Miscellaneous form revisions

In September 2025, an attorney provided feedback to committee staff via email regarding form NC-330. The attorney noted that item 6 of form NC-330 asks for “a marriage on *(date)*: ____” while item 13 asks for information regarding the marriage license and certificate “issued on *(date)*: ____.” The attorney noted that the marriage or solemnization date is frequently different than the date of issuance.

When requesting information about a person's original marriage license and certificate, an attachment to the petition, form NC-312, requests only the original date of issuance. Therefore, the committee proposes revising item 6 of form NC-330 to similarly reflect the date of issuance. However, the committee also requests specific comment on this issue.

To clarify which name should be used where, the committee further proposes revisions throughout these forms to use “current legal name” and “proposed legal name,” or in the case of the court's orders, “legal name when petition was filed” and “new legal name.”³³ Because these

³² Note that the existing category describing the need for an order to show cause where the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor remains, which is expansive enough to cover both changes of name and the recognition of a minor's gender and sex identifier.

³³ Additionally, a court user provided feedback to committee staff via email that item 4 of existing form NC-530 simply used “name,” which created confusion regarding which name should be listed. Particularly for transgender and nonbinary court users, a person may have socially transitioned before legally changing their name. The committee therefore proposes revising that item to instead refer to the minor identified in item 3b.

forms repeatedly require people to write both their current legal name and their proposed legal name, there can be confusion regarding the name that a person should use to sign these forms. Therefore, the committee proposes revisions to clarify, where appropriate, that these signatures should use the person's current legal name.

Finally, the committee proposes changing “judge” to “judicial officer” across these forms, which would create efficiencies by preventing commissioners from having to strike out “judge” when signing these forms.

Rules 2.575 and 2.577

The committee proposes amending California Rules of Court, rules 2.575 and 2.577(a). The proposed amendments to rule 2.575 match the language of Code of Civil Procedure section 1277(b). The committee also proposes clarifying amendments to rule 2.577(a), which currently addresses requests to file records under seal for both name change petitioners under the Safe at Home program and for other petitioners. The revision would narrow subdivision (a) to address only the procedure for sealing records in name change proceedings under the Safe at Home program. The committee also proposes adding an advisory committee comment to explain that the rule is not intended to abrogate or limit any duty of the court to keep records confidential and to clarify the scope of subdivision (a). The proposed amendments and advisory committee comment are intended to prevent confusion regarding the application of the rule by highlighting the difference between sealing related to the Safe at Home program, sealing in other contexts, and statutorily required confidentiality.

Alternatives Considered

The committee did not consider the alternative of not taking any action because revisions are needed to comply with this legislation and ensure the legal accuracy of these forms. The committee considered the alternative of adding content for requests for name changes to conform to gender identity into the existing NC-300 and NC-500 form series instead of creating a new form series. However, the committee found that approach too complex and potentially confusing, particularly for self-represented litigants.

The committee also considered requiring Safe at Home program participants to file their Safe at Home confirmation letter with the court. However, after determining that this course of action would place additional administrative burdens on Safe at Home program participants, who are changing their name to avoid things like domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking, the committee decided not to pursue that approach.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The committee anticipates that this proposal would require courts to train court staff and judicial officers on the new and revised forms. Courts will also incur costs to incorporate the new and revised forms into paper or electronic processes. Most of the impacts—including education of judicial officers, staff, and justice partners as to the new provisions—are a result of the changes in law, not the forms proposal, and therefore 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?
- The committee received feedback from an attorney that the existing phrasing of item 6 of form NC-330, which uses the phrase “marriage date,” is unclear, noting that the issuance of the marriage license and certificate often occurs on a different date than the solemnization of the marriage. The committee proposes revising item 6 of form NC-330 to instead reflect the date of issuance. Are there any reasons why item 6 of form NC-330 should not reflect the date of issuance?
- Are there any other objections that would be helpful to list on item 1 of form NC-250/NC-350/NC-550?

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?
- Does cross-numbering two proposed forms (form NC-221/NC-321/NC-521 and form NC-250/NC-350/NC-550) for use across three varieties of proceedings present any administrative difficulties for courts?

Attachments and Links

1. Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.575 and 2.577, at pages 14–15
2. Forms NC-015, NC-030, NC-100, NC-100-INFO, NC-110, NC-125, NC-130, NC-150, NC-200, NC-200-INFO, NC-210G, NC-221/NC-321/NC-521, NC-225, NC-230, NC-230G, NC-250/NC-350/NC-550, NC-300, NC-300-INFO, NC-311, NC-312, NC-325, NC-330, NC-400, NC-400-INFO, NC-500, NC-500-INFO, NC-510G, NC-520, and NC-530, at pages 16–59
3. Link A: Assem. Bill 1084 (Stats. 2025, ch. 723),
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1084
4. Link B: Sen. Bill 59 (Stats. 2025, ch. 738),
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB59

Rule 2.575 and rule 2.577 of the California Rules of Court would be amended, effective July 1, 2026, to read:

Title 2. Trial Court Rules

Division 4. Court Records

Chapter 5. Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program

Rule 2.575. Confidential information in name change proceedings under address confidentiality program

(a) Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- (1) “Confidential name change petitioner” means a petitioner who is a participant in the address confidentiality program created by the Secretary of State under chapter 3.1 (commencing with section 6205) of division 7 of title 1 of the Government Code.
- (2) “Record” means all or a portion of any document, paper, exhibit, transcript, or other thing that is filed or lodged with the court.
- (3) “Lodged” means temporarily placed or deposited with the court but not filed.

(b) Application of chapter

The rules in this chapter apply to records filed in a change of name proceeding under Code of Civil Procedure section 1277(b) by a confidential name change petitioner who alleges any of the ~~following~~ reasons or circumstances listed in Code of Civil Procedure section 1277(b) as a reason for the name change:

- ~~(1) The petitioner is seeking to avoid domestic violence, as defined in Family Code section 6211.~~
- ~~(2) The petitioner is seeking to avoid stalking, as defined in Penal Code section 646.9.~~
- ~~(3) The petitioner is, or is filing on behalf of, a victim of sexual assault, as defined in Evidence Code section 1036.2.~~

(c)-(e) * * *

1 **Rule 2.577. Procedures for filing confidential name change records under seal**

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3 **(a) Court approval required**

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5 Records in a name change proceeding brought by a confidential name change
6 petitioner may not be filed under seal without a court order. A request by a
7 confidential name change petitioner to file records under seal may be made under
8 the procedures in this chapter. ~~A request by any other petitioner to file records~~
9 ~~under seal must be made under rules 2.550–2.573.~~

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11 **(b)-(h) * * ***

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13 **Advisory Committee Comment**

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15 This rule is not intended to abrogate or limit any duty of the court to keep court records
16 confidential (for example, court records, including the index, register of actions, and any other
17 case information available through court systems used to provide the public with electronic
18 access to court records, associated with a proceeding for a change of name or gender and sex
19 identifier, or both, under Health and Safety Code section 103437).

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21 **Subdivision (a).** This subdivision describes procedures for filing records under seal in a name
22 change proceeding brought by a confidential name change petitioner (a participant in the Safe at
23 Home address confidentiality program (see rule 2.575(a)(1)).

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| <p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY</p> <p>NAME:</p> <p>FIRM NAME:</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:</p> <p>TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.:</p> <p>EMAIL ADDRESS:</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR (name):</p> | <p><i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i></p> <p>DRAFT</p> <p>2025-11-19</p> <p>Not approved by the Judicial Council</p> |
| <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</p> <p>BRANCH NAME:</p> | |
| <p>PETITION OF (name):</p> | |
| <p>REQUEST TO MAKE RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL (Health & Saf. Code, § 103437)</p> | <p>CASE NUMBER:</p> |

Use this form only if a petition requesting one of the following is already on file with the court:

- Recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier.
- A change of name to conform to gender identity.
- A change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier.

1. My name is (current legal name):

a. On (date): _____, a petition was filed to (check one):

- (1) ☐ Recognize petitioner's change of gender and sex identifier.
- (2) ☐ Change petitioner's name to conform to their gender identity.
- (3) ☐ Change petitioner's name and recognize a change of gender and sex identifier.

b. The petition was filed in the Superior Court of California, County of (specify): _____
and the case number assigned to the petition is (specify): _____.

c. I am the ☐ attorney for the petitioner ☐ petitioner who filed the petition listed in item 1a.

2. I am asking the court to make the petition listed in item 1, and all records associated with the petition, confidential because (check one):

- a. ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **before** July 1, 2026, and I am requesting confidentiality under Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(2).
- b. ☐ The petition listed in item 1 and other records in that proceeding were previously made confidential, but they are not being kept confidential by the court. These records must be kept confidential because (check one):
- (1) ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **on or after** July 1, 2026, and the court is required by Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(1) to make all records in the proceeding confidential.
- (2) ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **before** July 1, 2026, and on (date): _____ the court entered an order granting my request to make the records in the proceeding confidential under Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(2).
- (3) ☐ They were previously made confidential by a different statute or order (describe the statute or order making the records confidential): _____



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PETITION OF *(name)*:

CASE NUMBER:

(If the petitioner is the person whose name was changed, use the petitioner's current legal name.)

Date:

Type or Print Name



Signature of Petitioner

Date:

Type or Print Name



Signature of Attorney

CONFIDENTIAL

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-12 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | | |
| PETITION OF (name): | | | |
| ORDER TO MAKE RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL (Health & Saf. Code, § 103437) | | | CASE NUMBER: |

1. a. On (date): _____, (current legal name of petitioner): _____
filed a petition to (check one):
(1) ☐ Recognize petitioner's change of gender and sex identifier.
(2) ☐ Change petitioner's name to conform to their gender identity.
(3) ☐ Change petitioner's name and recognize a change of gender and sex identifier.
- b. The petition was filed in the Superior Court of California, County of (specify): _____
and the case number assigned to the petition is (specify): _____.
2. The petitioner asked the court for an order making the petition listed in item 1, and all records associated with the petition, confidential because (check one):
- a. ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **before** July 1, 2026, and the petitioner requests confidentiality under Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(2).
- b. ☐ The petition listed in item 1 and other records in that proceeding were previously made confidential, but they are not being kept confidential by the court. These records must be kept confidential because (check one):
- (1) ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **on or after** July 1, 2026, and the court is required by Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(1) to make all records in the proceeding confidential.
- (2) ☐ The petition listed in item 1 was filed **before** July 1, 2026, and on (date): _____ the court entered an order granting petitioner's request to make the records in the proceeding confidential under Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(2).
- (3) ☐ They were previously made confidential by a different statute or order (describe the statute or order making the records confidential): _____
3. The court, having reviewed the application, makes the following ruling:
- a. ☐ The application is granted. This order, the application for this order, the petition listed in item 1, and all records associated with the petition must be kept confidential and must be accessible only by the persons described in Health and Safety Code section 103437(b) in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 103437(b) and (c).
- b. ☐ The application is denied because (check all that apply):
- (1) ☐ The application was incomplete.
- (2) ☐ The application did not meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 103734(c)(1).
- (3) ☐ The application did not meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 103734(c)(2).
- (4) ☐ The application did not meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 103437(c)(3).
- (5) ☐ Other (specify): _____

Date:

Judicial Officer

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-12 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): | | | |
| PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME | | CASE NUMBER: | |

Instructions for completing this form: Before you complete this form, read the *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO). If you want to file this petition under the Safe at Home (address confidentiality) program, read form NC-400-INFO first. Do not use form NC-100 if the change of name is related to gender identity. To petition for a change of name to conform to your gender identity, use form NC-200. To petition for a change of name as part of a petition to also recognize a change of gender and sex identifier, use form NC-300 for an adult or form NC-500 for a minor.

- Petitioner (current legal name):
(check a or b):
 - ☐ resides in this county.
 - ☐ does not live in California and (check 1 or 2):
 - ☐ wants a name change on a marriage license, and was married in this county.
 - ☐ wants a name change on their or their child's birth certificate, which was issued in this county.
- Petitioner requests that the court decree the following name changes (list every name that you are seeking to change):

| <u>Current legal name</u> | <u>Proposed legal name</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. | changed to |
| b. | changed to |
| c. | changed to |

☐ Continued (If you are seeking to change additional names, you must prepare a list and attach it to this petition as Attachment 2.)
- Petitioner requests that the court issue an order directing all interested persons to appear or file objections to show cause why this petition for change of name of the persons identified in item 2 should not be granted.
- The number of persons under 18 years of age whose names are to be changed is (specify):
- If this petition requests the change of name of any person or persons under 18 years, this request is being made by
 - ☐ two parents.
 - ☐ one parent.
 - ☐ near relative (relationship):
 - ☐ guardian.
 - ☐ attorney for an individual under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court:
 - ☐ other (specify):
- For each person whose name is to be changed, petitioner provides the following information (you must attach Name and Information About the Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed (form NC-110) for each person identified in item 2):
 - (These items are on the attached pages of form NC-110.)
 - Number of pages attached (specify number):

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

1. Where to File

- California residents: The petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the person whose name is to be changed is a resident.
- Non-California residents: If the person whose name is to be changed is also requesting an order for the issuance of a new California marriage license and certificate, a new California birth certificate for the person whose name is to be changed, or a new California birth certificate for a minor or adult child of the person whose name is to be changed, the petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the marriage took place, or where the birth certificate was issued.

2. Whose Name May Be Changed

The petition may be used to change your own name and, under certain circumstances, the names of others (e.g., children under 18 years of age).

3. Confidentiality of Certain Names

If you want to file a petition for change of name and have your current and proposed names kept confidential as part of Safe at Home, the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program (Code Civ. Proc., § 1277(b)), **do not file anything with the court until Safe at Home has confirmed you are an active participant in the program.** Read *Information Sheet for Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400-INFO) **for more information.**

4. What Forms Are Required

If you are requesting a change of name unrelated to your gender identity, prepare an original and two copies of each of the following documents:

- Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100)
- Name and Information About the Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed* (form NC-110) (attach as many copies as necessary)
- Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120)
- Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130 or, for guardians, form NC-130G)
- Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

In addition, a guardian must prepare and attach a *Supplemental Attachment to Petition for Change of Name* (Declaration of Guardian) (form NC-110G) for each child whose name is to be changed.

Local courts may require additional local forms. Check with the court to determine if additional forms are required.

If you are requesting a change of name to conform to your gender identity, please read *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-200-INFO).

If you are requesting a change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier, read the following:

- Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300-INFO) if you are an adult petitioning on your own behalf.
- Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier* (form NC-500-INFO) if you are petitioning on the behalf of a minor.

5. Filing and Filing Fee

File the original versions (not copies) of the forms listed above with the clerk of the court and obtain two filed-endorsed copies of the petition (form NC-100). You will be charged a filing fee unless you qualify for a fee waiver. (If you want to apply for a fee waiver, read *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).) There is no filing fee for minors in the State's address confidentiality program (Safe at Home).

6. Requesting a Court Hearing Date and Obtaining the Order to Show Cause

When you file *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120), you will need to ask the court for a hearing date. You should request a date that is at least six weeks after the date you file the form. Take the completed form to the clerk's office. The clerk will provide the hearing date and location, obtain the judicial officer's signature, file the original, and give you a copy.

7. Publishing the Order to Show Cause

In most cases, a copy of the *Order to Show Cause* must be published in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for **at least four consecutive weeks** before the date of the hearing. You must select the newspaper from among those newspapers legally qualified to publish orders and notices. The newspaper used must file a Proof of Publication with the superior court before the hearing. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the county, the court may order the *Order to Show Cause* to be posted by the clerk.



But you **do not have to publish** the order if the following applies:

- You are a participant in the State Witness Program;
- You are a participant in the address confidentiality program, and the petition alleges that you are petitioning to avoid (a) domestic violence, (b) stalking, (c) sexual assault, or (d) human trafficking; or
- The name change is for a minor or nonminor dependent under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

8. Name Change for Children

- If you are a petitioning parent requesting the name change for a child under 18 years of age, and one of the parents, if living, does not join in consenting to the name change, the petitioning parent must have a copy of the *Order to Show Cause* or notice of the time and place of the hearing served on the nonconsenting parent. Service must be made **at least 30 days prior to the hearing**, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.
- If the nonconsenting parent resides in California, the order or notice must be personally served on the nonconsenting parent. You cannot personally serve this document.
- If the nonconsenting parent resides outside California, that parent may be served by sending a copy of the order or notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.
- If you are the guardian of a minor and filing a petition to change the name of that minor, you must (1) provide notice of the hearing to any living parent of the child by personal service at least 30 days before the hearing, or (2) if either or both parents are deceased or cannot be located, serve notice of the hearing on the child's grandparents, if living, not less than 30 days before the hearing, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.

If you have served a parent or grandparent, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service of Order to Show Cause* (form NC-121) with the court before the hearing.

9. Name Change for Person in Jail or Prison or on Parole

If you are a person in county jail, or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison, or on parole) you may file a petition to change your name, but must serve the petition on a government agency.

- If in county jail, you must provide a copy of the petition to the county sheriff's department. Check with the department as to how that should be done.
- If in state prison, you must provide a copy of the petition to the warden. Check with the warden's office as to how that should be done.
- If on parole, you must provide a copy of the petition to the regional parole administrator. Check with the administrator's office as to how that should be done.

After you have provided a copy to the sheriff, warden, or regional parole administrator, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service By Mail* (form POS-030) with the court.

Note that the declaration on form NC-110 as to whether the petitioner is in jail or under jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are only for purposes of determining if service of the petition is required.

10. Court Hearing

If no written objection is filed at least two court days before the scheduled hearing, the court may grant the petition and sign the decree without a hearing. Check with the court to find out if a hearing will be held. If there is a hearing, bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the judicial officer grants the petition, the judicial officer will sign the original decree.

11. Requesting Accommodations for Disability

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to help you access your court hearing, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410) to make your request. You can also ask the court's ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form MC-410-INFO).

12. Issuance of New Birth Certificate

If you were born in California and want to amend a birth certificate to show the name change, you should contact the following office:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records - MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone: 916-445-2684
website: www.cdph.ca.gov

Local courts may supplement these instructions. Check with the court to determine whether supplemental information is available. For instance, the court may provide you with additional written information identifying the department that handles name change petitions, the times when petitions are heard, and the newspapers that may be used to publish the *Order to Show Cause*.

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| PETITION OF <i>(name of petitioner or petitioners)</i> : | CASE NUMBER: |
| FOR CHANGE OF NAME | |

**NAME AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON
WHOSE NAME IS TO BE CHANGED**
Attachment to *Petition* (form NC-100)

Attachment of

*(You must use a **separate** attachment for **each person** whose name is to be changed. If petitioner is a guardian of a minor, a declaration of guardian (form NC-110G) must also be completed and attached for each minor whose name is to be changed.)*

1. Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following person:

a. ☐ Self

☐ Another person

(1) Current legal name *(specify)*:

(2) Proposed legal name *(specify)*:

(3) Born on *(date of birth)*: and presently

☐ under 18 years of age

☐ 18 years of age or older

(4) Born at *(place of birth)*:

(5) Sex *(as stated on original birth certificate)*:

☐ Male

☐ Female

(6) Current residence address *(street, city, county, state, and zip code)*:

b. Reason for name change *(explain)*:

c. Relationship of the petitioner to the person whose name will be changed:

(1) ☐ Self

(2) ☐ Parent

(3) ☐ Guardian

(4) ☐ Guardian ad litem or attorney for minor appointed by juvenile court

(5) ☐ Near relative *(indicate relationship)*:

(6) ☐ Other *(specify)*:

d. If the person whose name will be changed is under 18 years of age, provide the names and addresses, if known, of the following persons:

(1) Parent *(name)*: *(address)*:

(2) Parent *(name)*: *(address)*:

(3) (Only if neither parent is living) Near relatives *(names, relationships, and addresses)*:



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| PETITION OF <i>(name of petitioner or petitioners)</i> : <div style="text-align: right;">FOR CHANGE OF NAME</div> | CASE NUMBER: |
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(If the person whose name will be changed is 18 years of age or older, that person must sign the following declaration.)

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| DECLARATION | |
| I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that <i>(check one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I am not <input type="checkbox"/> I am under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison or on parole) or in county jail and <i>(check one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I am not <input type="checkbox"/> I am required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290. | |
| Date: _____ | |
| Type or Print Name of Person Whose Name is to Be Changed <div style="text-align: center;"><i>(Use Current Legal Name)</i></div> | Signature of Person Whose Name is to Be Changed <div style="text-align: center;"><i>(Use Current Legal Name)</i></div> |

(If petitioner is represented by an attorney, the attorney's signature follows):

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| Date: _____ | |
| _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Type or Print Name</div> | _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Signature of Attorney</div> |

(Each petitioner must sign this petition in the space provided below or, if additional pages are attached, at the end of the last attachment. If the petitioner is the person whose name is to be changed, use the petitioner's current legal name.) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

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| Date: _____ | |
| _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Type or Print Name</div> | _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Signature of Petitioner</div> |

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| Date: _____ | |
| _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Type or Print Name</div> | _____ <div style="text-align: center;">Signature of Petitioner</div> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Add Additional Signature Lines for Additional Petitioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature of Petitioners Follows Last Attachment |
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1. Petitioner (*name*): _____ filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing name as follows: _____

Proposed name

- NOTE: When a petition has been filed to change the name of a minor to conform to gender identity and the petition does not include the signatures of both living parents, the petition and this order to show cause must be served on the parent who did not sign the petition, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, or 415.40, within 30 days from the date on which the order is made by the court.**

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | DRAFT 2025-11-12 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): <div style="text-align: right;">FOR CHANGE OF NAME</div> | | |
| DECREE CHANGING NAME | | CASE NUMBER: |
| If the petitioner is a participant in Safe at Home (the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program under Government Code section 6205 et seq.), attach <i>Confidential Cover Sheet—Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)</i> (form NC-400) to this form and do not include the petitioner's new legal name on this form . Instead, in the "New legal name" column, indicate that the new name is confidential and is on file with the Secretary of State under the provisions of the address confidentiality program. | | |

1. The petition was considered:
- a. ☐ at the hearing on (date): _____ in Courtroom: _____ of the above-entitled court.
- b. ☐ without hearing.

THE COURT FINDS

2. a. All notices required by law have been given.
- b. Each person whose name is to be changed identified in item 3 below
☐ is not ☐ is required to register as a sex offender under section 290 of the Penal Code.
 This determination was made (check one): ☐ by using CLETS/CJIS ☐ based on information provided to the clerk of the court by a local law enforcement agency.
- c. ☐ No objections to the proposed change of name were made.
- d. ☐ Objections to the proposed change of name were made by (name): _____
- e. It appears to the satisfaction of the court that all the allegations in the petition are true and sufficient and that the petition should be granted.
- f. ☐ Other findings (if any): _____

THE COURT ORDERS

3. The name of Legal name when petition was filed New legal name
- a. _____ is changed to _____
- b. _____ is changed to _____
- c. _____ is changed to _____
- d. _____ is changed to _____
- ☐ Additional name changes are listed on Attachment 3.

Date: _____

 Signature of Judicial Officer follows last attachment

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | FOR COURT USE ONLY |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | |
| PETITION OF (name): | | |
| NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION | | |
| | | CASE NUMBER: |

1. Objections have been filed to petitioner's request for *(check all that apply)*

- a. ☐ a decree changing name to conform to gender.
- b. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting the change of petitioner's gender.
- c. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate reflecting the change in designation of the petitioner to bride, groom, or neither bride nor groom.
- d. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate for petitioner's child reflecting the change of petitioner's gender.

2. A hearing will take place at the time and place below, at which time the court may consider the objections that have been filed.

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| a. | Date: | Time: | Dept.: | Room: |
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b. The address of the court is

- ☐ same as noted above.
- ☐ other

(specify):

(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.)

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-12 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): | |
| PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | CASE NUMBER: |
| Instructions for completing this form: Before you complete this form, read <i>Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity</i> (form NC-200-INFO). Do not use this form to change a name as part of a petition to also recognize a change of gender and sex identifier. For those petitions, use form NC-300 for an adult or form NC-500 for a minor. | |

1. Petitioner (current legal name):
(check a or b):
 - a. ☐ resides in this county.
 - b. ☐ does not live in California and (check 1 or 2):
 - (1) ☐ wants a name change on a marriage license, and was married in this county.
 - (2) ☐ wants a name change on their or their child's birth certificate, which was issued in this county.

2. If this petition requests the change of name of any person under 18 years, this request is being made by
 - a. ☐ two parents.
 - b. ☐ one parent.
 - c. ☐ near relative (relationship):
 - d. ☐ guardian.
 - e. ☐ attorney for an individual under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
 - f. ☐ other (specify):

3. ☐ Petitioner requests that the court issue an order directing all interested persons to appear or file objections to show cause why this petition for change of name of the person identified in item 4a should not be granted. (Check the box for this item only if the petition is being filed on the behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all of the minor's living parents.)

4. Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following person to conform to their gender identity (if the petitioner is a guardian of a minor, a declaration of guardian (form NC-220G) must also be completed and attached):
 - a. ☐ Self ☐ Another person
 - (1) Current legal name (specify):
 - (2) Proposed legal name (specify):
 - (3) Born on (date of birth):
and presently ☐ under 18 years of age ☐ 18 years of age or older
 - (4) Born at (place of birth):
 - (5) Sex (as stated on original birth certificate): ☐ Male ☐ Female
 - (6) Current residence address (street, city, county, state, and zip code):



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| PETITION OF <i>(name of each petitioner):</i> | CASE NUMBER: |
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4. *(Continued)* Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following person to conform to their gender identity:

b. Relationship of the petitioner to the person whose name will be changed:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Self | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian ad litem or attorney for minor appointed by juvenile court |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Near relative <i>(indicate relationship):</i> |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify):</i> |

c. If the person whose name will be changed is under 18 years of age, provide the names and addresses, if known, of the following persons:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| (1) Parent <i>(name):</i> | <i>(address):</i> |
| (2) Parent <i>(name):</i> | <i>(address):</i> |
| (3) (Only if neither parent is living) Near relatives <i>(names, relationships, and addresses):</i> | |

d. Number of pages attached *(specify number):*

(If the person whose name will be changed is 18 years of age or older, that person must sign the following declaration.)

| DECLARATION | |
|--|--|
| <p>I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that <i>(check one)</i>: <input type="checkbox"/> I am not <input type="checkbox"/> I am under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison or on parole) or in county jail and <i>(check one)</i>: <input type="checkbox"/> I am not <input type="checkbox"/> I am required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.</p> <p>Date: _____</p> | |
| <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Type or Print Name of Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed (Use Current Legal Name)</p> | <p align="center"></p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Signature of Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed (Use Current Legal Name)</p> |

(If petitioner is represented by an attorney, the attorney's signature follows):

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|--------------------|--|
| Date: _____ | |
| _____ | <p align="center"></p> <p align="center">Signature of Attorney</p> |
| Type or Print Name | |

(Each petitioner must sign this petition in the space provided below or, if additional pages are attached, at the end of the last attachment. If the petitioner is the person whose name is to be changed, use the petitioner's current legal name.) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

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| Date: _____ | |
| _____ | <p align="center"></p> <p align="center">Signature of Petitioner</p> |
| Type or Print Name | |

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|--------------------|--|
| Date: _____ | |
| _____ | <p align="center"></p> <p align="center">Signature of Petitioner</p> |
| Type or Print Name | |

☐ Add additional signature lines for additional petitioners

☐ Signature of petitioners follows last attachment

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR CHANGE
OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY**

NC-200-INFO

1. Where to File

- a. California residents: The petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the person whose name is to be changed is a resident.
- b. Non-California residents: If the person whose name is to be changed is also requesting an order for the issuance of a new California marriage license and certificate, a new California birth certificate for the person whose name is to be changed, or a new California birth certificate for a minor or adult child of the person whose name is to be changed, the petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the marriage took place, or where the birth certificate was issued.

2. Whose Name May Be Changed

The petition may be used to change your own name and, under certain circumstances, the names of others (e.g., children under 18 years of age).

4. What Forms Are Required

If you are requesting a change of name to conform to your gender identity, prepare an original and two copies of each of the following documents:

- a. *Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-200)
- b. *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-225), if applicable
- c. *Decree Changing Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-230, or, for guardians, form NC-230G)
- d. *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

In addition, a guardian must prepare and attach a *Supplemental Attachment to Petition for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (Declaration of Guardian) (form NC-210G).

Local courts may require additional local forms. Check with the court to determine if additional forms are required.

If you are requesting a change of name unrelated to your gender identity, please read *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO) instead.

If you are requesting a change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier at the same time, read:

- *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300-INFO) if you are an adult petitioning on your own behalf.
- *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier* (form NC-500-INFO) if you are petitioning on the behalf of a minor.

5. Filing and Filing Fee

File the original versions (not copies) of the forms listed above with the clerk of the court and obtain two filed-endorsed copies of the petition. You will be charged a filing fee unless you qualify for a fee waiver. (If you want to apply for a fee waiver, read *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).)

6. Requesting a Court Hearing Date and Obtaining the Order to Show Cause

You do not need to request a hearing date unless the petition is being filed on the behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all of the minor's living parents. If that is the case, complete the *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-225) and take the completed form to the clerk's office. The clerk will obtain the judicial officer's signature, file the original, and give you a copy.

7. Publishing the Order to Show Cause

If you are seeking a change of name to conform to your gender identity, you **do not have to publish** an order to show cause if one is required.

8. Name Change for Children

- a. If you are a petitioning parent or any other adult requesting the name change for a child to conform to that child's gender identity and a living parent does not join in the petition for the name change, you must have a copy of the petition and the *Order to Show Cause* served on the nonconsenting parent. Service must be made **within 4 weeks of the date the order is made by the court**, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.
- b. If the nonconsenting parent resides in California, the order or notice must be personally served on the nonconsenting parent. You cannot personally serve this document.



8. c. If the nonconsenting parent resides outside California, that parent may be served by sending a copy of the order or notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

If you have served a parent, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service of Order to Show Cause (Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity)* (form NC-221) with the court before the hearing.

9. Name Change for Person in Jail or Prison or on Parole

If you are a person in county jail, or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison, or on parole) you may file a petition to change your name, but must serve the petition on a government agency.

- If in county jail, you must provide a copy of the petition to the county sheriff's department. Check with the department as to how that should be done.
- If in state prison, you must provide a copy of the petition to the warden. Check with the warden's office as to how that should be done.
- If on parole, you must provide a copy of the petition to the regional parole administrator. Check with the administrator's office as to how that should be done.

After you have provided a copy to the sheriff, warden, or regional parole administrator, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service By Mail* (form POS-030) with the court. Note that the declaration on form NC-200 as to whether the petitioner is in jail or under jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is only for purposes of determining if service of the petition is required.

10. Court Hearing

If you filed a petition for name change to conform to gender identity, the order shall generally be granted without a hearing (see Code of Civil Procedure section 1279.5 for additional information regarding persons who are required to register as a sex offender). However, if (1) the petition is being filed on behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all of the minor's living parents, and (2) timely objections were filed, the court may set a hearing date after receiving the objections. If it does, you will be sent a notice of the hearing date. Check with the court after the deadline for filing objections to see if a hearing date has been set. If there are no objections, the court will grant the petition and sign the decree without a hearing.

If no written objection is filed at least two court days before the scheduled hearing, the court may grant the petition and sign the decree without a hearing. Check with the court to find out if a hearing will be held. If there is a hearing, bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the judge grants the petition, the judge will sign the original decree.

11. Requesting Accommodations for Disability

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to help you access your court hearing, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410) to make your request. You can also ask the court's ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form MC-410-INFO).

12. Issuance of New Birth Certificate

If you were born in California and want to amend a birth certificate to show the name change, you should contact the following office:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records - MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone: 916-445-2684
website: www.cdph.ca.gov

Local courts may supplement these instructions. Check with the court to determine whether supplemental information is available. For instance, the court may provide you with additional written information identifying the department that handles name change petitions, the times when petitions are heard, and the newspapers that may be used to publish the *Order to Show Cause*.

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| PETITION OF <i>(Name of petitioner or petitioners):</i> | CASE NUMBER: |
| FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | |

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DECLARATION OF GUARDIAN
Supplemental Attachment to *Petition for Change of Name to*
***Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-200)**

Attachment ____ of ____

1. a. Petitioner *(name)*:
- b. Petitioner's address *(street, city, county, and zip code)*:
- c. Petitioner is the guardian of the following minor whose name is to be changed:
 - (1) Name *(current legal name of child)*:
 - (2) Address *(street, city, county, and zip code)*:
- d. Petitioner was appointed guardian of the minor identified in item 1c by *(specify)*:
 - (1) Superior Court of California, County of *(name)*:
 - (2) Department *(check one)*: ☐ Juvenile ☐ Probate
 - (3) Case number *(specify)*:
 - (4) Date of appointment *(specify)*:
- e. The grandparents of the minor whose name is to be changed are *(provide names and addresses, if known)*:
 - (1) Grandparent's Name: (address):
 - (2) Grandparent's Name: (address):
 - (3) Grandparent's Name: (address):
 - (4) Grandparent's Name: (address):
- f. The minor identified in item 1c is likely to remain under the guardian's care until the minor reaches the age of majority because *(explain)*:

☐ Continued *(if you need additional space, check the box, prepare an Attachment 1f, and attach it to this declaration)*.
- g. The minor identified in item 1c is not likely to be returned to the custody of the minor's parents because *(explain)*:

☐ Continued *(if you need additional space, check the box, prepare an Attachment 1g, and attach it to this declaration)*.
- h. Other relevant information about the guardianship and why the proposed name change is in the best interest of the minor *(specify)*:

☐ Continued *(if you need additional space, check the box, prepare an Attachment 1h, and attach it to this declaration)*.

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

Date:

Type or Print Name
Guardian of *(current legal name of minor)*:



Signature of Petitioner

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | DRAFT 2025-11-14 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): FOR CHANGE OF NAME OR GENDER TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | | |
| PROOF OF SERVICE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE BY <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> MAILING (OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA ONLY) | | CASE NUMBER: |

1. At the time of mailing or personal delivery, I was at least 18 years of age and **not a party** to this proceeding.

2. My residence or business address is (specify):

3. I personally delivered or mailed a copy of the (title of document):

as follows (complete either a or b):

a. ☐ **Personal delivery.** I personally delivered a copy to the person served as follows:

(1) Name of person served:

(2) Address where delivered:

(3) Date delivered:

(4) Time delivered:

b. ☐ **Mail.** I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred.

(1) I enclosed a copy in an envelope and mailed the sealed envelope to the person served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the address outside of California listed below.

(2) The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:

(a) Name of person served:

(b) Address on envelope:


(c) Date of mailing:

(d) Place of mailing (city and state):

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

Date:

Type or Print Name of Declarant

_____
Signature of Declarant

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY | | STATE BAR NUMBER: | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-14 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| NAME: | | | |
| FIRM NAME: | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | STATE: | ZIP CODE: | |
| TELEPHONE NO.: | | FAX NO.: | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: | | | |
| ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | | |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | | | |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY AND ZIP CODE: | | | |
| BRANCH NAME: | | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): | | | |
| FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | | | |
| ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE—CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | | | CASE NUMBER: |

NOTE: This form should be used only if the petition is being filed on the behalf of a minor and the petition does not include the signatures of all of the minor's living parents. The petition and this order to show cause must be served on any parent who did not sign the petition, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40, within 4 weeks from the date on which the order is made by the court.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner (name): filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing name as follows:

Current legal name

to

Proposed legal name
2. THE COURT ORDERS that any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection **within six weeks of the date this order is issued**. If no written objection is timely filed, the court will grant the petition without a hearing after the completion of the six weeks, except as provided in Code of Civil Procedure section 1279.5.
3. A hearing date may be set only if an objection is timely filed and shows good cause for opposing the name change. Objections based solely on concerns that the proposed change is not the person's actual gender identity or gender assigned at birth do not constitute good cause. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(c).)

Date:

Judicial Officer

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | DRAFT 2025-11-14 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | | | |
| DECREE CHANGING NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | | CASE NUMBER: | |

1. The petition was considered:
- a. ☐ at the hearing on (date): _____ in Courtroom: _____ of the above-entitled court.
- b. ☐ without hearing.

THE COURT FINDS

2. a. All notices required by law have been given.
- b. Each person whose name is to be changed identified in item 3 below
☐ is not ☐ is required to register as a sex offender under section 290 of the Penal Code.
This determination was made (check one): ☐ by using CLETS/CJIS ☐ based on information provided to the clerk of the court by a local law enforcement agency.
- c. ☐ No objections to the proposed change of name were made.
- d. ☐ Objections to the proposed change of name were made by (name): _____
- e. It appears to the satisfaction of the court that all the allegations in the petition are true and sufficient and that the petition should be granted.
- f. ☐ Other findings (if any): _____

THE COURT ORDERS

3. The name of Legal name when petition was filed New legal name
is changed to

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

☐ Signature of Judicial Officer follows last attachment

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | DRAFT 2025-11-14 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | |
| PETITION OF <i>(name of each petitioner)</i> : FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY | |
| DECREE CHANGING NAME OF MINOR TO CONFORM TO GENDER IDENTITY (BY GUARDIAN) | |
| CASE NUMBER: | |

1. The petition was duly considered:
- a. ☐ at the hearing on *(date)*: _____ in Courtroom: _____ of the above-entitled court.
- b. ☐ without hearing.

THE COURT FINDS

2. a. All notices required by law have been given.
- b. The person whose name is to be changed *(specify legal name when petition was filed)*: _____ is a minor.
- c. The petition for change of name was filed on behalf of the minor by the minor's guardian *(name)*:
- d. The minor whose name is to be changed is likely to remain in the guardian's care until the age of majority.
- e. The minor whose name is to be changed is not likely to be returned to the custody of his or her parents.
- f. The minor whose name is to be changed
☐ is not ☐ is required to register as a sex offender under section 290 of the Penal Code.
 This determination was made *(check one)*: ☐ by using CLETS/CJIS ☐ based on information provided to the clerk of the court by a local law enforcement agency.
- g. ☐ No objections to the proposed change of name were made.
- h. ☐ Objections to the proposed change of name were made by *(name)*:
- i. It appears to the satisfaction of the court that all the allegations in the petition are true and sufficient, that the proposed name change is in the best interest of the minor, and that the petition should be granted.
- j. ☐ Other findings *(if any)*:

THE COURT ORDERS

3. The name of *(specify legal name when petition was filed)*: _____
 is changed to *(new legal name)*: _____

Date: _____

 Judicial Officer
☐ Signature of Judicial Officer follows last attachment

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY | | STATE BAR NUMBER: | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-19 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| NAME: | | | |
| FIRM NAME: | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | STATE: | ZIP CODE: | |
| TELEPHONE NO.: | | FAX NO.: | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: | | | |
| ATTORNEY FOR (name): | | | |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | | | |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY AND ZIP CODE: | | | |
| BRANCH NAME: | | | |
| PETITION OF (name): | | | |
| NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION <input type="checkbox"/> Form NC-200 <input type="checkbox"/> Form NC-300 <input type="checkbox"/> Form NC-500 | | | CASE NUMBER: |

1. Objections have been filed to petitioner's request for (check all that apply):

- a. ☐ a decree changing name to conform to gender.
- b. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting the change of petitioner's gender.
- c. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate reflecting the change in designation of the petitioner to bride, groom, or neither bride nor groom.
- d. ☐ an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate for petitioner's child reflecting the change of petitioner's gender.

2. A hearing will take place at the time and place below, at which time the court may consider the objections that have been filed.

| | | | | |
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| a. | Date: | Time: | Dept.: | Room: |
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b. The address of the court is

- ☐ same as noted above.
- ☐ other (specify):

(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.)

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

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| <p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY</p> <p>NAME:</p> <p>FIRM NAME:</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY:</p> <p>TELEPHONE NO.:</p> <p>EMAIL ADDRESS:</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR (name):</p> <p>STATE BAR NUMBER:</p> <p>STATE: ZIP CODE:</p> <p>FAX NO.:</p> | <p><i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i></p> <p>DRAFT</p> <p>2025-11-14</p> <p>Not approved by the Judicial Council</p> |
| <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</p> <p>BRANCH NAME:</p> | |
| <p>PETITION OF (name):</p> | |
| <p>PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF ADULT'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AND CHANGE OF NAME</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AND ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATES</p> | <p>CASE NUMBER:</p> |

Before you complete this petition, read *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300-INFO).

Note: You do not need to file this petition or obtain a court order in order to obtain a new California birth certificate for you or your child reflecting a change of your gender or a new California marriage license and certificate reflecting a change of gender. You may use an administrative process instead; see Health and Safety Code section 103426.

1. Petitioner (**current legal** name): _____ is 18 years old or older and requests an order recognizing the change of petitioner's gender and sex identifier to
 - a. ☐ female.
 - b. ☐ male.
 - c. ☐ nonbinary.

2. Petitioner is a California resident or seeks a change to a California birth certificate or marriage license and certificate.

3. ☐ Petitioner has already obtained a decree of name change that petitioner wants reflected on the certificates checked in item 4. Petitioner attaches a certified copy of the decree of name change to this petition.
 (If this item is checked, skip item 5 and indicate the request in item 4.)

4. ☐ **Issuance of New California Certificate**
 - a. ☐ Petitioner requests an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate for petitioner reflecting the change of gender
☐ and change of name.
 - b. ☐ Petitioner requests an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate for petitioner's child reflecting petitioner's change of gender
☐ and change of name.
 (Attach *Birth Certificate for Child of Petitioner—Attachment* (form NC-311).)
 - c. ☐ Petitioner requests an order for the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate with a change of designation of the person as bride, groom, or having neither box checked
☐ and change of name.
 (Attach *Marriage License and Certificate—Attachment* (form NC-312).)



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| PETITION OF (name): | CASE NUMBER: |
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5. ☐ Petitioner applies for a decree to change their name to conform to their gender identity:

a. The petitioner's information is included below:

- (1) Current legal name (specify):
- (2) Proposed legal name (specify):
- (3) Born on (date of birth):
and presently 18 years of age or older
- (4) Born at (place of birth):
- (5) Sex (as stated on original birth certificate): ☐ Male ☐ Female
- (6) Current residence address (street, city, county, state, and zip code):

b. This is the right court for the petition to change name because petitioner (check (1) or (2)):

- (1) ☐ resides in this county.
- (2) ☐ does not reside in California and (check one):
 - (i) ☐ wants a name change on their or their child's birth certificate, which was issued in this county.
 - (ii) ☐ wants a name change on a marriage license, and was married in this county.

6. Number of pages attached (specify number): _____

All petitioners must complete the following declaration and sign below on this page. Petitioners requesting a change of name (item 5) must additionally complete and sign the declarations on page 3.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the request for a change in gender and sex identifier to (check one): ☐ female ☐ male ☐ nonbinary is to conform my legal gender and sex identifier to my gender identity and is not for any fraudulent purpose.

Date:

Type or Print Name of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)



Signature of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

(If petitioner is represented by an attorney, the attorney's signature follows:)

Date:

Type or Print Name



Signature of Attorney



PETITION OF (name):

CASE NUMBER:

Complete the following declarations and sign below only if item 5 is checked.

DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that (check one): ☐ I am not ☐ I am under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison or on parole) or in county jail **and** (check one): ☐ I am not ☐ I am required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.

Date:

Type or Print Name of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)



Signature of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

(Petitioner must sign this petition in the space provided below or, if additional pages are attached, at the end of the last attachment.) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Date:

Type or Print Name of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)



Signature of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF ADULT'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER, NAME CHANGE, AND ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATES

Note you do not need to file this petition or obtain a court order in order to obtain a new California birth certificate for you or your child reflecting a change of gender or a new California marriage license and certificate reflecting a change of gender. See Health and Safety Code section 103426. You may make the request directly to the State Registrar at the California Department of Public Health or, for a confidential marriage license and certificate, the county clerk of the county that issued the confidential marriage license. (See contact information on page 2.)

1. How to Make Request

A petition for recognition of change of gender and sex identifier, either on its own or combined with a request for a name change, a new birth certificate for petitioner, a new birth certificate for petitioner's child or children, and a new marriage license and certificate must be filed on form NC-300. This form may only be used by individuals 18 years old or older. (Minors must use form NC-500.)

2. Where to File

The petition to recognize a change of gender and sex identifier may be filed in the superior court of any county in California, but if the petition **includes a request to change petitioner's name**, it must be filed:

- If petitioner is a California resident, in the superior court where petitioner presently resides, or
- If petitioner is not a California resident, in the superior court in the county where petitioner's or petitioner's child's birth certificate was issued or where petitioner's marriage was entered into.

3. What Forms Are Required

You will need to have an original and a copy of each of the following documents:

- Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300)
- Order Recognizing Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, for Name Change, and for Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-330)
- If requesting order for new birth certificate for child:
Birth Certificate for Child of Petitioner—Attachment (form NC-311)
- If requesting order for new marriage license and certificate:
Marriage License and Certificate—Attachment (form NC-312) and, if form NC-312 is not signed by the other spouse, *Order to Show Cause—Issuance of New Marriage License and Certificate* (form NC-325)
- Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

Local courts may require additional local forms. Check with the court to determine if additional forms are required.

4. Filing with Court

Prepare an original *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010). Take the completed petition, with any required attachments and the proposed orders with the *Civil Case Cover Sheet*, along with a copy of each document, to the clerk of the court. Obtain a filed-endorsed copy (stamped by the clerk) of the petition and ask that any required orders to show cause be issued.

A filing fee will be charged unless you qualify for a fee waiver. (If you want to apply for a fee waiver, see *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).)

5. Service on Spouse

If seeking a change to your marriage license and certificate, and the spouse sharing that marriage license has not signed the form (and is alive and capable of signing it), you must serve the *Order to Show Cause—Issuance of New Marriage License and Certificate* (form NC-325) that has been issued by the court, along with a copy of the petition, on that spouse within four weeks from the date on which the order is made by the court. It must be served in person or, if out of state, by mail, in the manner described in Code of Civil Procedure sections 413.10, 414.10, or 415.40. Service must be made by someone other than you, and you must have the server complete a proof of service and file it with the court.



6. Service on Government Agency—Name Change for Person in Jail or Prison or on Parole

If you are in county jail or under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison, or on parole), a petition to change your name—including one on form NC-300—must be served on a government agency.

- If in county jail, you must provide a copy of the petition to the county sheriff's department.
- If in state prison, you must provide a copy of the petition to the warden.
- If on parole, you must provide a copy of the petition to the regional parole administrator.

Check with each office as to how to serve it. After you have provided a copy to the sheriff, warden, or regional parole administrator, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service By First-Class Mail—Civil* (form POS-030) with the court.

Note that the declaration on form NC-300 as to whether the petitioner is in jail or under jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is only for purposes of determining if service of the petition is required.

7. Court Hearings

A hearing date will be set if a nonsigning spouse, as described in item 5, files a timely objection. If there is a hearing, you will be sent a notice by the court. Bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the judicial officer grants the petition, the judicial officer will sign *Order Recognizing Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, for Name Change, and for Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-330). If no timely objections are filed, the court will grant the petition and sign the order without a hearing.

8. Requesting Accommodations for Disability

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to help you access your court hearing, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410) to make your request. You can also ask the court's ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form MC-410-INFO).

9. Issuance of New Birth Certificate

If you were born in California, or if your children were, to obtain a new birth certificate for you or them reflecting your change of gender, file a certified copy of the order with the State Registrar and pay the applicable fees. You may write or contact the State Registrar at:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records – MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone: 916-445-2684
Website: www.cdph.ca.gov

10. Issuance of New Marriage License and Certificate

If you were married in California, to obtain a new marriage license and certificate reflecting your change of gender with a change in your designation to bride, groom, or neither, file a certified copy of the order, and pay the applicable fees, as follows:

- If the original marriage license and certificate was **confidential**, then file with the county clerk in the county where the confidential marriage license and certificate was issued. (A confidential marriage is a marriage that is available to two unmarried adults who have been living together as spouses. Confidential marriages do not require witnesses to attend a ceremony or sign the marriage license.)
- If the original marriage license and certificate was **not** confidential, then file with the State Registrar, whose contact information is given in item 9 above.

11. Self-Help Guide

For more information, please visit the California Courts Self-Help Guide on gender recognition, available at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/gender-recognition-order-index.

Local courts may supplement these instructions. Check with the court to determine whether supplemental information is available. For instance, the court may provide you with additional written information identifying the department that handles these petitions, the times when petitions are heard if hearings are required, and whether remote appearances by video or telephone are available.

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PETITION OF (name of petitioner):

CASE NUMBER:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR CHILD OF PETITIONER—ATTACHMENT**Attachment to Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates (form NC-300)**

Petitioner must complete and attach this form to form NC-300 if asking the court to order issuance of a new birth certificate of a minor or adult child that reflects petitioner's change in gender, or change in both gender and name. A separate form is required for each child.

1. This is an attachment to a request for an order for the issuance of a new birth certificate for a minor or adult child to reflect petitioner's (check all that apply):
- a. ☐ change of gender and sex identifier.
 - b. ☐ change of name.
 - (1) ☐ Petitioner is seeking a decree changing their name as part of this petition.
 - (2) ☐ Petitioner has already obtained a decree for change of name; a certified copy of the decree is attached to the petition for recognition of change of gender and sex identifier.

2. Information about petitioner's minor or adult child

- a. Name of child:
- b. Date of birth:
- c. City and county of birth:
- d. Petitioner's child is ☐ a minor (under 18 years of age) ☐ an adult (18 years of age or older)

3. ☐ Child whose birth certificate will be changed is an adult.

If petitioner's child is 18 years of age or older, this request must be signed by the adult child whose birth certificate would be changed by granting this petition, unless the adult child is deceased or incapable of providing a signature. (Check applicable item below.)

- a. ☐ Petitioner's adult child agrees to the issuance of a new birth certificate and provides a signature below.

Date:

Type or Print Name



Signature of Petitioner's Adult Child

- b. ☐ Petitioner's adult child is deceased. Date of death:
- c. ☐ Petitioner's adult child is incapable of providing a signature for the following reason:
Explain:

Date:

Type or Print Name of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)



Signature of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

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PETITION OF (name of petitioner):

CASE NUMBER:

MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE—ATTACHMENT**Attachment to *Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300)**

Petitioner must complete and attach this form to form NC-300 if asking the court to order issuance of a new marriage license and certificate or a new confidential marriage license and certificate that reflect petitioner's change in gender, or change in both gender and name. For a definition of confidential marriage, see item 10 on *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Adult's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier, Name Change, and Issuance of New Certificates* (form NC-300-INFO).

1. Request to issue a new marriage license and certificate

This is an attachment to a request for an order for the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate or new confidential marriage license and certificate to reflect (check all that apply):

- a. ☐ recognition of petitioner's change of gender and sex identifier by changing petitioner's designation to:
- ☐ bride ☐ groom ☐ neither bride nor groom.
- b. ☐ change of name:
- (1) ☐ Petitioner is seeking a decree changing their name as part of this petition.
- (2) ☐ Petitioner has already obtained a decree for change of name; a certified copy of the decree to the petition for recognition of change of gender and sex identifier is attached.

2. Information about original marriage license and certificate

- a. Original date of issuance:
- b. County of issuance:
- c. Petitioner name on original marriage license and certificate:
- d. Petitioner date of birth:
- e. Spouse name on original marriage license and certificate:
- f. Spouse date of birth:
- g. The original marriage license and certificate are: ☐ not confidential ☐ confidential.

3. Spouse who shares petitioner's marriage license and certificate

To be granted without further notice required, this request must be signed by the spouse sharing the original marriage license and certificate, unless that person is deceased or incapable of providing a signature. (One item below must be checked.)

- a. ☐ The spouse who shares petitioner's original marriage license and certificate agrees to the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate with petitioner's new designation. (Sign below.)

Date:

Type or Print Name

Signature of Spouse Listed on the Original Marriage License and Certificate

- b. ☐ The spouse is deceased. Date of death:
- c. ☐ The spouse is incapable of providing a signature for the following reason (explain):

- d. ☐ (Check this item if spouse is living and capable of signing but has not.) Petitioner requests that the court issue an order directing the spouse who shares petitioner's original marriage license and certificate to file written objections to show cause why the requested changes should not be made.

Date:

Type or Print Name of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

Signature of Petitioner (Use Current Legal Name)

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.: | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-14 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): <div style="text-align: right;">FOR CHANGE OF NAME</div> | |
| ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE—ISSUANCE OF NEW MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE | CASE NUMBER: |

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner (name): _____ filed a petition with this court for an order that a new ☐ marriage license and certificate ☐ confidential marriage license and certificate be prepared
 - a. changing petitioner's designation on the license and certificate to (check one):

☐ bride
☐ groom
☐ neither bride nor groom
 - b. ☐ and changing name to (proposed legal name): _____

2. THE COURT ORDERS that any person objecting to issuance of a new marriage license and certificate with the changes described above must file a written objection that includes any reasons why the requested changes would be fraudulent, **within six weeks of the date this order is issued**. If no written objection showing good cause to oppose the changes to the marriage license and certificate is timely filed, the court will enter the order that the gender and sex identifier recognition is granted without a hearing **after the completion of the six weeks**.

3. A hearing date may be set only if an objection is timely filed and shows good cause for opposing the petition. Objections based solely on concerns that the proposed change is not the person's actual gender identity or gender assigned at birth do not constitute good cause. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 1277.5(c) and Health & Saf. Code, § 103430(h).)

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

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| <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</p> <p>BRANCH NAME:</p> | |
| <p>PETITION OF (name):</p> | |
| <p>ORDER RECOGNIZING ADULT'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AND FOR NAME CHANGE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AND FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATES</p> | <p>CASE NUMBER:</p> |

1. The petition was duly considered
- ☐ at the hearing on (date): _____ in Department: _____ of the above-entitled court.
- ☐ without hearing.

THE COURT FINDS

2. ☐ Petitioner is a California resident or seeks a change to a California birth certificate or marriage license and certificate.
- ☐ All notices required by law have been given.
- ☐ No objections to the petition were made.
- ☐ Objections to the petition were made by (name): _____
3. ☐ The petition included a **request for change of name** for the person described in item 10.
- a. The person whose name is to be changed
- ☐ is not ☐ is required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.
- This determination was made ☐ by using CLETS/CJIS ☐ based on information provided to the clerk of the court by a local law enforcement agency.
- b. ☐ A certified copy of a court decree changing petitioner's name was attached to the petition.
4. ☐ The petition included a **request to order a new birth certificate for one or more minor children of petitioner.**
5. ☐ The petition included a **request to order a new birth certificate for one or more adult children of petitioner**, and (check one):
- a. ☐ each request for a new birth certificate for an adult child on form NC-311 contains the signature of the adult child agreeing to the reissuance of their birth certificate.
- b. ☐ the court was satisfied that the following adult child or children who did not sign form NC-311 are either deceased or incapable of providing a signature:
- Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
- Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
6. ☐ The petition included a **request for an order for the issuance of a new marriage certificate, for a marriage license and certificate issued on (date): _____**, with a change of designation of the petitioner as bride, groom, or having neither box checked and (check one):
- a. ☐ the spouse who shares the marriage certificate with the petitioner has agreed to the issuance of a new marriage license and certificate OR the court is satisfied that the spouse is deceased or incapable of providing a signature.



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6. b. ☐ the petition did not include the agreement of the spouse who shares the marriage license and certificate with the petitioner. An order directing the spouse to make known any objection to the changes requested on the marriage license and certificate or confidential marriage license and certificate by filing a written objection, which includes any reasons why the requested changes would be fraudulent, was issued and served.

7. ☐ The court is satisfied that all the allegations in the petition are true and sufficient and that the petition should be granted.

8. ☐ Other findings (if any):

THE COURT ORDERS

9. The gender and sex identifier of petitioner has been changed to ☐ female ☐ male ☐ nonbinary.

THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS

10. ☐ The name of (legal name when petition was filed):

a. ☐ is changed to (new legal name):

b. ☐ was previously changed by court decree.

11. ☐ A new birth certificate must be issued reflecting the change of gender and sex identifier described in item 9

☐ and change of name described in item 10.

If petitioner was born in California, a certified copy of this order shall be filed by the petitioner with the State Registrar. When the State Registrar receives a certified copy of this order and payment of the applicable fees, the State Registrar shall establish for the petitioner a new birth certificate reflecting the gender of the petitioner as it has been altered and any change of name specified in this order.

12. ☐ A new birth certificate for the following child or children of the petitioner must be issued reflecting petitioner's change of gender and sex identifier described in item 9

☐ and change of name described in item 10.

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| Full Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Full Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Full Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| Full Name: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |

If petitioner's child or children were born in California, a certified copy of this order shall be filed by the petitioner with the State Registrar. When the State Registrar receives a certified copy of this order and payment of the applicable fees, the State Registrar shall establish for each child a new birth certificate reflecting the gender of the petitioner as it has been altered and any change of name specified in this order.

13. ☐ The marriage license and certificate for petitioner and (name of spouse):

issued on (date): _____ in (county): _____ must be reissued

with a change of designation of the petitioner to ☐ bride ☐ groom ☐ neither bride nor groom

☐ and change of name described in item 10.

If the original marriage license and certificate were **confidential** and issued within this state, a certified copy of this order shall be filed by the petitioner with the county clerk in the county where the confidential marriage license and certificate were issued. When the county clerk receives a certified copy of this order with an application and payment of applicable fees, the county clerk shall issue a confidential marriage license and certificate for the petitioner.

If the original marriage license and certificate were **not** confidential and issued within this state, a certified copy of this order shall be filed by the petitioner with the State Registrar. When the State Registrar receives a certified copy of this order with an application and payment of applicable fees, the State Registrar shall issue a marriage license and certificate for the petitioner.

14. ☐ Other orders:

Date: _____

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| ATTORNEY (leave blank if no attorney) _____ STATE BAR NUMBER: _____ NAME: _____ FIRM NAME: _____ STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO.: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ATTORNEY FOR (name): [CONFIDENTIAL] | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-03 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: _____ MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY AND ZIP CODE: _____ BRANCH NAME: _____ | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): <div style="text-align: center;">[CONFIDENTIAL]</div> | |
| CONFIDENTIAL COVER SHEET—NAME CHANGE PROCEEDING UNDER ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (SAFE AT HOME) | CASE NUMBER: _____ |

Instructions for completing this form:

- Use this form if the petitioner is an active participant in Safe at Home (the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program under Government Code section 6205 et seq.) and is asking the court for a change of name to avoid (1) domestic violence, (2) stalking, (3) sexual assault, or (4) human trafficking.
- If you are the petitioner, do not file your *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100) until after Safe at Home has given you a letter confirming that you are an active participant in Safe at Home and that your intended change of name is on file with Safe at Home.
- This **Confidential Cover Sheet** must be **attached** to the first page of the petition and to any other documents filed in this **proceeding**.
- Read *Information Sheet for Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400-INFO) for more information on how to ask the court for a change of name under Safe at Home.

Under Code of Civil Procedure section 1277(b), **the current legal name of the petitioner must be kept confidential by the court** and must not be published or posted in the court's calendars, indexes, or register of actions, or by any means or in any public forum.

This cover sheet is affixed to the following documents (*check all that apply*):

1. ☐ *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100)
2. ☐ *Attachment to Petition for the Name Change* (form NC-110)
3. ☐ *Order to Show Cause for Change of Name* (form NC-120)
4. ☐ *Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130)
5. ☐ *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)
6. ☐ *Application to File Documents Under Seal in Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-410)
7. ☐ *Declaration in Support of Application to File Documents Under Seal in Name Change Proceedings Under Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-420)
8. ☐ *Order on Application to File Documents Under Seal in Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-425)
9. ☐ *Other (describe):*

Date: _____

The name of the petitioner is to remain confidential UNLESS:

1. The petitioner's participation in the address confidentiality program is ended (Gov. Code, § 6206.7); or
2. The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the allegations of domestic violence or stalking in the petition are false. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1278(b).)

1 Confidentiality in name change proceedings

Changing your name, especially confidentially, is a life-changing decision. It may make it more difficult for you to enforce a restraining order, obtain a passport, apply for school programs, purchase or rent property, gain employment, get credit, or start a business, among other things.

The court must keep the current legal name of the petitioner (the person asking the court for a change of name) confidential if the petitioner is a participant in Safe at Home (the Secretary of State's confidential address program under Government Code section 6205 et seq.), and is asking for a change of name in order to avoid (1) domestic violence, (2) stalking, (3) sexual assault, or (4) human trafficking. (One of these reasons must be stated in the papers filed with the *Petition for Change of Name*.)

The court must not publish or post the petitioner's current legal name in the court's calendars, indexes, or registers of actions, or in any other place in which it might be accessible to the public. In addition, the proposed new name is not put into the court records at all and does not have to be published. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1277(b).)

To have your current and proposed legal names kept confidential by the court, follow the steps below.

2 Is a lawyer necessary?

You are not required to have a lawyer, but if you can, you should talk to a lawyer or legal service agency to discuss the effects of a confidential name change.

3 How to get started

Do not file anything with the court until you are an active participant in the Safe at Home program. You must complete and file a Notice of Intent of Name Change with the Safe at Home program at the Secretary of State's Office. You will receive a letter from that program to show to the court, confirming that you are an active participant in the confidential address program and that a Notice of Intent of Name Change is on file. You can reach the Safe at Home program by calling toll free 1-877-322-5227 or by going to www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome.

4 Where to file

Your name change petition must be filed in the superior court of the county where you currently live.

5 Whose name may be changed

You can use the petition to ask to change your own name and, under certain circumstances, the names of other people (such as children under 18 years of age). There are no filing fees for minors in the Safe at Home program.

6 Name changes for children

If you are asking to change the name of a minor, you may have to notify the child's parents or grandparents about the petition. Read item 8 on *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO) for information about when this notice is required and how to provide it. Participating in Safe at Home does not change these requirements. You will generally not be able to change a child's name without notifying the other parent.

7 What forms are required

Item 4 on *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO) explains which forms to complete to ask for a change of name. When you complete those forms, make sure that you:

- Include your current legal name in the items that ask for it on *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100), *Order to Show Cause for Change of Name* (form NC-120), and *Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130). **Do not** include your proposed new name. Instead, write that the proposed new name is confidential and is on file with the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program.
- Include the reasons you are asking for a name change when you complete *Attachment to the Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-110).
- Include a completed *Confidential Cover Sheet—Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400) when you file your forms. Form NC-400 tells the court that attached documents contain confidential information. Do not include your current legal name on form NC-400. Include a completed form NC-400 any time you file documents in your name change proceeding.

You will also need a copy of the letter from the Safe at Home program to take to the court when filing the petition, to confirm that you are in the confidential address program and have a Notice of Intent of Name Change on file. Keep a copy of that letter for your records.

8 Requesting a court hearing date and obtaining the Order to Show Cause

Most people who file *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100) must also file and publish *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120). Read *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO) for more information about this requirement.

You should request a date for the hearing on *Order to Show Cause* at least six weeks after the date you file the petition. Take the completed form to the clerk's office. The clerk will provide the hearing date and location, obtain the judicial officer's (judge's) signature, file the original, and give you a copy.

You do not have to publish *Order to Show Cause* if you are participating in Safe at Home and you are filing the name change petition to avoid (1) domestic violence, (2) stalking, (3) sexual assault, or (4) human trafficking.

9 Court hearing

If no one files an objection to your petition at least two court days before the hearing, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Check with the court to find out if a hearing will be held. If there is a hearing, bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the court grants the petition, the judicial officer will sign *Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130).

10 Application to file documents under seal

If you believe that keeping your current and proposed names confidential is not enough protection, you can ask the court to file the petition and related documents under seal. Documents filed under seal are secured and kept separate from the public files.

The court cannot file your documents under seal unless you explain that the facts of your case show that:

- There is an overriding interest (a specific reason) that overcomes the right of public access to the record.
- That overriding interest supports sealing the name change documents.
- A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed.
- The proposed order to seal the records is narrowly tailored to protect that overriding interest.
- No less restrictive means than sealing the whole record exist to achieve the overriding interest.

To ask the court to file your records under seal, you must follow the procedures in rule 2.577 of the California Rules of Court. You must file *Application to File Documents Under Seal in Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-410) and *Declaration in Support of Application to File Documents Under Seal in Name Change Proceeding Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-420). On form NC-420, explain why the facts of your case justify the sealing.

Attach *Confidential Cover Sheet* (form NC-400) to the application. You must put all the documents that you want filed under seal into a sealed envelope marked "Conditionally Under Seal" with form NC-400 on top. Give the envelope to the court clerk (this is called "lodging"). If the application is denied, the clerk will return the documents to you unless you file a written notice within 10 days asking the court to file the documents unsealed.

11 Making the records public

Even if the documents are not sealed, as long as the other requirements are met, your name will remain confidential **UNLESS:**

- Your participation in the address confidentiality program is ended under Government Code section 6206.7; or
- The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the allegations of domestic violence or stalking in the petition are false (see Code of Civil Procedure section 1278(b).)

If another person or a court wants to make the records public for one of these reasons, the court must hold a hearing, and a notice will be sent to you. (Gov. Code § 6206(a)(5)(A).)

Ask your court whether they have more instructions for Safe at Home proceedings. Your court might also have other information for you, such as identifying the department that handles name change petitions and the times when petitions are heard.

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| <p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY</p> <p>NAME:</p> <p>FIRM NAME:</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:</p> <p>TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.:</p> <p>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR (name):</p> | <p><i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i></p> <p>DRAFT</p> <p>2025-11-14</p> <p>Not approved by the Judicial Council</p> |
| <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS:</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</p> <p>BRANCH NAME:</p> | |
| <p>PETITION OF (name of each petitioner):</p> | |
| <p>PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF MINOR'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER AND FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> AND CHANGE OF NAME</p> | <p>CASE NUMBER:</p> |

Use this form only for a petition relating to a minor. (Petitioners 18 years or older must use form NC-300.) Before completing this petition, read the *Instructions for Filing Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier* (form NC-500-INFO).

- If you are seeking a name change in addition to recognition of gender change, complete items 8 or 10. If you are only seeking recognition of gender change, skip these items.
- If the petition is being brought by a guardian, an attorney appointed as guardian ad litem for a dependent minor (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 326.5), or an attorney for a minor under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 601 or 602), you must also complete *Declaration of Guardian or Juvenile Attorney* (form NC-510G).

INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER

1. This request is being made by (minor's **current legal name**): and (check one of the following):
 - a. ☐ parent or parents (names):
 - b. ☐ guardian (name):
 - c. ☐ attorney for minor under jurisdiction of juvenile court (name):
 - d. ☐ near relative or friend (check only if all parents of minor are deceased and no guardian has been appointed)
Name and relationship to minor:
2. Petitioning minor either is a California resident or seeks a change to a California birth certificate.
3. Parents of minor (check one item below):
 - a. ☐ The minor has no living parent.
 - b. ☐ The minor has no living parent other than the parent or parents who have signed this petition.
 - c. ☐ Neither the minor nor the adult petitioner has any information about whether any nonsigning parent is living.
 - d. ☐ The minor has one or more living parents who have not signed the petition (specify names and addresses):

Parent's Name:

Address:

Parent's Name:

Address:

☐ Continued (Check this box if you need additional space. Attach a sheet of paper and write "Attachment 3d" for a title.)
4. ☐ (Check if petition is filed by a guardian or attorney appointed for minor under jurisdiction of juvenile court.)
This petition is supported by the information contained in attached *Declaration of Guardian or Juvenile Attorney* (form NC-510G).

REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER

5. Petitioners request a decree recognizing that minor's gender and sex identifier is changed to:
 - a. ☐ female.
 - b. ☐ male.
 - c. ☐ nonbinary.



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6. ☐ *(Check if petition does not include the signature of all living parents.)* Petitioners request that the court issue an order on form NC-520 directing any living parent who did not sign this petition to file written objections to show cause why this petition for recognition of minor's change of gender and sex identifier should not be granted. (Form NC-520 is filed along with this document.)
7. ☐ *(Check if petition is filed by a guardian or guardian ad litem for minor and all parents are deceased or cannot be located.)* Petitioners request that the court issue an order on form NC-520 directing that any living grandparent file written objections to show cause why this petition for recognition of minor's change of gender and sex identifier should not be granted. (Form NC-520 is filed along with this document.)

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW CALIFORNIA CERTIFICATE

8. ☐ A decree of change of name for the minor has already been obtained, and a certified copy of the decree is attached.
9. ☐ Petitioners request the court to order that a new birth certificate be issued reflecting the recognition of gender change and any name change sought by this petition.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF NAME

10. ☐ Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following minor to conform to their gender identity:

a. The minor's information is included below:

- (1) Current legal name *(specify)*:
- (2) Proposed legal name *(specify)*:
- (3) Born on *(date of birth)*:
and presently under 18 years of age.
- (4) Born at *(place of birth)*:
- (5) Sex *(as stated on original birth certificate)*: ☐ Male ☐ Female
- (6) Current residence address *(street, city, county, state, and zip code)*:

b. Relationship of the petitioner to the person whose name will be changed:

- (1) ☐ Parent
- (2) ☐ Guardian
- (3) ☐ Guardian ad litem or attorney for minor appointed by juvenile court
- (4) ☐ Near relative *(indicate relationship)*:
- (5) ☐ Other *(specify)*:

c. This is the right court for the petition to change name because minor *(check (1) or (2))*:

- (1) ☐ is a resident of this county.
- (2) ☐ does not reside in California and wants to change their birth certificate that was issued in this county.

d. Provide the names and addresses, if known, of the following persons:

- (1) Parent *(name)*: (address):
- (2) Parent *(name)*: (address):
- (3) (Only if neither parent is living) Near relatives *(names, relationships, and addresses)*:

- e. ☐ *(Check if petition does not include the signature of all living parents.)* Petitioners request that the court issue an order on form NC-520 directing all interested persons to file written objections to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. (Form NC-520 is filed along with this document.)

11. Number of pages attached *(specify number)*:



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The minor may complete the following declaration and all petitioners must sign below. Petitioners requesting a change of name (see item 10) must additionally complete and sign the declaration at the bottom of this page.

DECLARATION

I (*minor's current legal name*): _____ declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the request for a change in gender to *(check one)* ☐ female ☐ male ☐ nonbinary is to conform my legal gender to my gender identity and is not for any fraudulent purpose.

Date: _____

Type or Print Name of Minor **(Use Current Legal Name)**

Signature of Minor **(Use Current Legal Name)**

Date: _____

Type or Print Name of Petitioning Adult and Relationship to Minor

Signature of Petitioning Adult

Date: _____

Type or Print Name of Petitioning Adult and Relationship to Minor

Signature of Petitioning Adult

Date: _____

Type or Print Name of Petitioning Adult and Relationship to Minor

Signature of Petitioning Adult

Date: _____

Type or Print Name of Petitioner's Attorney

Signature of Petitioner's Attorney

Complete the following declaration and sign below only if item 10 is checked.

(Each petitioner must sign this petition in the space provided below or, if additional pages are attached, at the end of the last attachment.) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or Print Name

Signature of Petitioner

Date: _____

Type or Print Name

Signature of Petitioner

☐ Add additional signature lines for additional petitioners

☐ Signature of petitioners follows last attachment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF MINOR'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER

1. Who Can File

Anyone who lives in California or was born here (or got married or had children here) can ask a court for an order recognizing a change of gender and sex identifier and for issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting that change. If the person asking for the order is under 18, the petition must be made on form NC-500 and signed by an adult. (If the person is 18 or older, use form NC-300.) The petition for a minor must be signed by at least one of the following (it can be signed by more than one):

- One or more of the minor's parents
- The minor's guardian
- An attorney appointed to act as guardian ad litem for a dependent minor (under Welfare and Institutions Code section 326.5)
- An attorney representing a minor in the juvenile justice system (under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602)
- If all of minor's parents are deceased and no guardian has been appointed, a near relative or friend

2. Where to File

The *Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate and Change of Name* (form NC-500) may be filed in the superior court of any county in California, but if the petition **includes a request to change the minor's name**, it must be filed:

- If the minor is a California resident, in the superior court where the minor presently resides; **or**
- If the minor is not a California resident, in the superior court in the county where the minor's birth certificate was issued.

If the petition is filed by an attorney appointed as guardian ad litem for a dependent minor, or one representing a minor alleged or adjudged to be a person described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602, the petition must be filed in the court having jurisdiction over the minor.

3. What Forms Are Required

All petitioners need an original and two copies of each of the following forms:

- *Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate and Change of Name* (form NC-500)
- *Order Recognizing Minor's Change of Gender and Sex Identifier and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-530)
- *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

Some petitioners will also need an original and two copies of each of the following forms:

- *Order to Show Cause—Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-520). This form is needed if
 - (1) the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor; **or**
 - (2) the petition is filed by a guardian, guardian ad litem, or attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602, **and** all of minor's parents are deceased or cannot be located.
- *Declaration of Guardian or Juvenile Attorney* (form NC-510G). This form is needed if the petition is filed by a guardian, by an attorney guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602.

Local courts may require additional local forms. Check with your court to determine if additional forms are required.

4. Completing the Petition

Use form NC-500 only for a person under 18. (Adults seeking an order recognizing change of gender must use form NC-300.)

Section of form titled Information About Petitioner:

- In item 1, provide the name of the minor and the name of the adult who is signing the petition. One of the persons listed in that item must sign. (See paragraph 1 above as to which adults can sign.)
- Item 2 asserts that the petitioning minor is a California resident or is seeking a change to a California birth certificate.
- Item 3 asks whether the minor has any living parents. If the minor has any living parents who did **not** sign the petition, provide the name and address of any non-signing parent in item 3d.



4. • In item 4, check the box if the petition is signed by a guardian or dependency attorney appointed as a guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602, **and** attach *Declaration of Guardian or Juvenile Attorney* (form NC-510G) to the petition.

Section of form titled Request for Recognition of Change of Gender and Sex Identifier:

- In item 5, check the box to indicate what gender and sex identifier the minor wants the court to recognize as the minor's new gender and sex identifier.
- Check item 6 **ONLY** if the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor. This item asks the court to issue an order that will provide notice to any non-signing parent that any objections to the petition must be filed with the court within a certain time frame.
- Check item 7 **ONLY** if the petition is (1) filed by a guardian, a guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602 **and** (2) all of minor's parents are deceased or cannot be located. This item asks the court to issue an order that will give notice to the minor's living grandparents that any objections to the petition must be filed with the court within a certain time frame.

Section of form titled Request for Issuance of New California Certificate:

- Check item 8 if the minor has previously obtained a decree of name change and wants to have their birth certificate reissued to reflect this name change. If checked, a certified copy of the name change decree must be attached. (If item 8 is checked, you do not need to complete item 10.)
- In item 9, check the box request that the court order that a new birth certificate be issued that will reflect the gender change to be recognized by the court as well as any name change being sought by the petition.

Section of form titled Request for Change of Name:

Note: If the petition is not asking the court to change the name of the minor or to have minor's birth certificate reflect a prior name change, do not complete items 8 and 10 on the form. If the minor wants their name changed on their birth certificate, follow the instructions above.

- If requesting a change of name, check the box "and change of name" at the top part of form NC-500.
- In item 10a, complete the minor's current legal name, proposed legal name, date of birth, place of birth, sex as indicated on their original birth certificate, and the current address.
- In item 10b, check the box indicating the relationship of the petitioner to the minor whose gender is to be changed.
- In item 10c, check the box showing why the name change petition may be filed in a particular court.
- In item 10d, provide the names and addresses of the parents or, if applicable, near relatives of the minor.
- Item 10e asks the court to issue an order that will give notice to all interested persons that any objections to the name change petition must be filed with the court within a certain time frame. If the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor, check this item.

Remaining items on form

- In item 11, list the number of pages attached to the petition.
- **First Declaration:** The minor may complete (by filling out the minor's name and checking the box identifying the new gender) and sign the Declaration. Note that it is signed under penalty of perjury. The adult named in item 1 must also sign the form, and any living parent may also sign.
- **Second Declaration:** The petitioning adult or adults should complete and sign only if a request for change of name is being made (in other words, if item 10 is checked). Note that this declaration is signed under penalty of perjury.

5. Filing and Filing Fee

Prepare an original *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010). File with the clerk of the court the original petition and any attachments or orders to show cause required on page 1 of this information sheet with the confidential cover sheet and obtain two file-endorsed copies of the petition and any order to show cause. A filing fee will be charged unless you qualify for a fee waiver. If you want to apply for a fee waiver, see *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).



6. Orders to Show Cause and Hearing Date

When an Order to Show Cause is required

An order to show cause may be required with certain petitions if:

- the petition is not signed by all living parents of the minor; or
- the petition is filed by a guardian, a guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602 **and** all of minor's parents are deceased or cannot be located.

If any of these conditions apply, complete the top part of an original and two copies of the *Order to Show Cause—Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-520) (complete the portion of the form above the title, and check the box if a name change is requested). Submit that form with the petition. The clerk will obtain the judicial signature and give you back copies.

What to do with the Order to Show Cause

The order to show cause must be served on certain individuals, as described below, within a set time frame:

- If the petition did not include the signature of all living parents of the minor, a copy of the order and the petition must be served on the nonsigning parent within **four weeks** of issuance of the order.
- If the petition was filed by a guardian, a guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602 **and** all of minor's parents are deceased or cannot be located, a copy of the order and the petition must be served on the minor's living grandparents within **four weeks** of issuance of the order.

If the person to be served lives in California, the form and petition must be served in person. If they live outside California, the form may be served either in person or by first-class mail requiring return receipt. If such service is not possible, or if the person lives outside the United States, then the court may order that service be done in another way. Service must be made by someone other than the petitioner, but the petitioner must have the server complete a proof of service and file it with the court. (Form NC-221 may be used.)

What happens next

If objections are filed within six weeks of the issuance of the order to show cause, the court will set a hearing date and send you and the objectors notice of the date, time, and place. If no objections are filed, the court will make the decision based on the petition.

7. Court Hearing

Check with the court after the deadline for objections to find out if a hearing will be held. If a hearing is held, bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the **judicial officer** grants the petition, the **judicial officer** will sign the original order, form NC-530.

8. Requesting Accommodations for Disability

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410) to make your request. You can also ask the court's ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form MC-410-INFO).

9. Birth Certificate

If you were born in California, to obtain a new birth certificate reflecting the change of gender or name, file a certified copy of the order with the Secretary of State and the State Registrar and pay the applicable fees. You may write or contact the State Registrar at:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records – MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone: 916-445-2684
Website: www.cdph.ca.gov

10. Self-Help Guide

For more information, please visit the California Courts Self-Help Guide on gender recognition, available at <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/gender-recognition-order-index>.

Local courts may supplement these instructions. Check with the court to determine whether supplemental information is available. For instance, the court may provide you with additional written information identifying the department that handles name- and gender-change petitions, and the times when petitions are heard.

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PETITION OF (name of petitioner or petitioners):

CASE NUMBER:

FOR CHANGE OF GENDER

DECLARATION OF GUARDIAN OR JUVENILE ATTORNEY (Attachment to Form NC-500)*Court-appointed guardians must fill out all items on this page.**An attorney appointed as guardian ad litem for a dependent minor (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 326.5) must complete items 1–4.**An attorney for a minor under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 601 or 602) must complete items 1–4.*

1. a. Petitioner (name):
b. Address (street, city, county, and zip code):
2. a. Minor seeking recognition of gender change (current legal name of minor):
b. Address (street, city, county, and zip code):
3. Petitioner was appointed guardian for minor or is attorney for minor who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as follows:
 - a. Superior Court of California, County of (name):
 - b. Department (check one): ☐ Juvenile ☐ Probate
 - c. Case number (specify):
 - d. Date of appointment (if applicable):
4. If all parents are deceased or cannot be located, provide the following information for the minor's living grandparents (if known):

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| a. Grandparent's Name: | Address: |
| b. Grandparent's Name: | Address: |
| c. Grandparent's Name: | Address: |
| d. Grandparent's Name: | Address: |

☐ Neither the minor nor the petitioner has any information about whether any of minor's grandparents are living.
5. The minor identified in item 2 is likely to remain under the guardian's care until the minor reaches the age of majority because (explain):
- ☐ Continued (For additional space, check the box, and attach a sheet of paper titled "Attachment 5" to this declaration.)
6. The minor identified in item 2 is not likely to be returned to the custody of the parents because (explain):
- ☐ Continued (For additional space, check the box, and attach a sheet of paper titled "Attachment 6" to this declaration.)
7. Other relevant information about the guardianship and why the proposed change is in the best interest of the minor (specify):
- ☐ Continued (For additional space, check the box, and attach a sheet of paper titled "Attachment 7" to this declaration.)

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

Date:

Type or Print Name

Signature of Petitioner

Guardian of (current legal name of minor):

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-03 Not approved by the Judicial Council | |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): FOR CHANGE OF GENDER (Minor) | | |
| ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE—RECOGNITION OF MINOR'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND ISSUANCE OF NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE <input type="checkbox"/> and CHANGE OF NAME | | CASE NUMBER: |

1. NAME CHANGE

- ☐ **TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**
(Check only if the petition (form NC-500) includes a request for change of name. If not checked, go to item 2.)

a. A petition has been filed seeking change of name
from (minor's current **legal** name):
to (proposed **legal** name):

b. **THE COURT ORDERS** that any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection **within six weeks of the date this order is issued**. If no written objection is timely filed, the court will grant the petition without a hearing after the completion of the six weeks, **except as provided in Code of Civil Procedure section 1279.5**.

2. GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER CHANGE

- ☐ **TO ANY LIVING PARENT OF MINOR WHO DID NOT SIGN PETITION**
(Check only if the petition (form NC-500) was not signed by all living parents of minor.)
- ☐ **TO ALL LIVING GRANDPARENTS OF MINOR**
(Check only if the petition (form NC-500) was brought by a guardian, a dependency attorney appointed as guardian ad litem, or an attorney acting for a minor under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602, and all parents are deceased or cannot be located.)

- a. Petitioner (*name of petitioning adult*): _____ filed a petition on behalf of
(*current legal name of minor*): _____
requesting a decree recognizing that minor's gender and sex identifier is changed to
- (1) ☐ female
- (2) ☐ male
- (3) ☐ nonbinary
- and an order for issuance of a new birth certificate reflecting minor's changed gender and sex identifier.
- b. **THE COURT ORDERS** that any living parent or, if all parents are deceased or cannot be located, all living grandparents show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted by filing a written objection that includes any reasons for the objection **within six weeks of the date this order is issued**. If no written objection is timely filed, the court will grant the petition without a hearing **after the completion of the six weeks**.

Date:

Judicial Officer

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): | FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 2025-11-03 Not approved by the Judicial Council |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: | |
| PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): (FOR CHANGE OF GENDER (Minor)) | |
| ORDER RECOGNIZING MINOR'S CHANGE OF GENDER AND SEX IDENTIFIER AND FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE <input type="checkbox"/> and DECREE CHANGING NAME | CASE NUMBER: |

1. The petition was duly considered
- a. ☐ at the hearing on (date): _____ in courtroom: _____ of the above-entitled court.
- b. ☐ without a hearing.

THE COURT FINDS

2. ☐ Petitioner is a California resident or seeks a change to a California birth certificate.
3. a. All notices required by law have been given.
- b. The following person seeking recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier is a minor (specify **current legal name**):
- c. ☐ The petition includes a request regarding a change of name.
- (1) ☐ Petitioner requests that minor's name be changed to (specify new name):
- (a) ☐ The minor is a resident in this county.
- (b) ☐ The minor's birth certificate was issued in this county.
- (2) ☐ A certified copy of a court decree changing minor's name was attached to the petition.
- d. The petition was signed on behalf of the minor by
- (1) ☐ all of minor's parents (names):
- (2) ☐ fewer than all of minor's parents (names):
- (3) ☐ a guardian (name):
- (a) The minor is likely to remain in the guardian's care until the age of majority.
- (b) The minor is not likely to be returned to the custody of the parents.
- (4) ☐ an attorney guardian ad litem appointed by the juvenile court (name):
- (5) ☐ an attorney representing minor who is asserted to be a person described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602 (name):
- (6) ☐ a near relative or friend (name and relationship to minor):
- (a) All of minor's parents are deceased.
- (b) No guardian has been appointed for minor.
- e. ☐ (For name change) Minor ☐ is not ☐ is required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290. This determination was made (check one) ☐ by using CLETS/CJIS ☐ based on information provided to the clerk of the court by a local law enforcement agency.



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3. f. ☐ No timely objections to the proposed changes were made.
- g. ☐ Objections to the proposed changes were made by *(name and relationship to minor)*:
- h. ☐ *(If objections by parent)* After considering objections by minor's parent, the court is satisfied that the proposed recognition of change of gender and sex identifier
- ☐ is in the best interest of the minor, and the petition should be granted.
- ☐ is not in the best interest of the minor, and the petition should be denied.
- i. ☐ The court is satisfied that all the allegations in the petition are true and sufficient, that the proposed recognition of change of gender and sex identifier (and name, if requested) are not fraudulent, and that the petition should be granted.
- j. ☐ Other findings *(if any)*:

THE COURT ORDERS

4. ☐ The gender and sex identifier of the minor identified in item 3b has been changed to
- a. ☐ female.
- b. ☐ male.
- c. ☐ nonbinary.

THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS

5. ☐ The name of *(legal name when petition was filed)*:
- a. ☐ is changed to *(new legal name)*:
- b. ☐ was previously changed by court decree.
6. ☐ A new birth certificate must be issued reflecting the change of gender described in item 4
- ☐ and change of name described in item 5.

If minor was born in California, a certified copy of this order shall be filed by the petitioner with the State Registrar. When the State Registrar receives a certified copy of this order and payment of the applicable fees, the State Registrar shall establish for the petitioner a new birth certificate reflecting the gender of the minor as it has been altered and any change of name specified in this order.

7. ☐ Other orders:

Date:

Judicial Officer