CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A CIVIL ACTION BY A NONPRISONER

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

CIVIL COMPLAINT: You must file a "Civil Complaint" in the form and manner as set forth in the Local Rules of this Court. Any complaint in any other form may not be accepted. The complaint must also be accompanied by the following documents when submitted for filing:

- A. Civil Cover Sheet CV-71 (Required)
- B. Certification and Notice of Interested Parties CV-30 (Required)
- C. Summons AO-440 (Optional)
- D. Request to Proceed In Forma Pauperis with Declaration in Support CV-60 (Optional)

These forms are available upon request at the Clerk's Office and on the Court's website: <u>http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov</u>. All forms must be completed in full.

If you would like a stamped copy of your filing(s), submit a copy of the documents you would like to have stamped and returned to you, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR FILING: You may submit your documents for filing in one of the following ways:

1. in person at any of the following locations:

United States Courthouse	United States Courthouse	United States Courthouse
255 East Temple St., Suite TS-134	411 West Fourth Street, Room 1053	3470 Twelfth St., Room 134
Los Angeles, CA 90012	Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516	Riverside, CA 92501

2. by United States mail; or

3. by submitting the documents electronically through the Court's Electronic Document Submission System (EDSS). To access EDSS and for additional information, visit the Court's website at https://apps.cacd.uscourts.gov/edss.

FILING FEE: The filing fee for a civil complaint is \$405.00. Personal checks are NOT accepted.

FILING IN FORMA PAUPERIS: If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you may petition the Court to allow you to file your complaint without the prepayment of the filing fee by submitting a Request to Proceed In Forma Pauperis with Declaration in Support - CV-60. Forms for your use are available in the Clerk's Office and on the Court's website. These forms must also accompany the complaint.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY: Any request for appointment of an attorney must be prepared by you in the form and manner set forth in Local Rule 11. A request in any other form will not be accepted. The request must accompany the complaint and be presented as a separate document. Your request must also state the reasons why you want the Court to appoint an attorney for you. In the event the Court denies your request for the appointment of any attorney and you find yourself acting as your own attorney, you are responsible for complying with the Local Rules of the Court.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Clerk's Office is prohibited from providing any type of legal advice. If you need assistance completing the required forms, please visit the People Without Lawyers section on the Court's website at <u>http://prose.cacd.uscourts.gov.</u>

Copies of the Local Rules are available in any law library or on the Court's website at: <u>www.cacd.uscourts.gov/court-procedures/local-rules</u>.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself 🗌)	DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself)			
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.			
1. U.S. Government 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) Citiz 2. U.S. Government 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship) Citiz	CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant) PTF DEF en of This State 1 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State PTF 4 4 en of Another State 2 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State 5 5 en or Subject of a gn Country 3 3 Foreign Nation 6 6			
IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.) 1. Original Proceeding 2. Removed from State Court 3. Remanded from Appellate Court 4. Reinstated or Reopened 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify) 6. Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer 8. Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File				
V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.) CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: Yes No MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$				

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only).					
OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
375 False Claims Act	110 Insurance	240 Torts to Land	462 Naturalization	Habeas Corpus:	820 Copyrights
376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))	120 Marine	245 Tort Product Liability	465 Other	463 Alien Detainee	830 Patent
400 State Reapportionment	130 Miller Act	290 All Other Real Property	Immigration Actions	Sentence	835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application
410 Antitrust		TORTS	PERSONAL PROPERTY	535 Death Penalty	840 Trademark
430 Banks and Banking	150 Recovery of Overpayment &	PERSONAL INJURY 310 Airplane	370 Other Fraud	Other: 540 Mandamus/Other	880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)
450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	Enforcement of Judgment	315 Airplane Product Liability	371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal	550 Civil Rights	SOCIAL SECURITY
460 Deportation 470 Racketeer Influ-	151 Medicare Act	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	Property Damage	555 Prison Condition	861 HIA (1395ff)
 enced & Corrupt Org. 480 Consumer Credit 	152 Recovery of Defaulted Student	330 Fed. Employers' Liability	385 Property Damage Product Liability	Conditions of	862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act	Loan (Excl. Vet.) 153 Recovery of	340 Marine	BANKRUPTCY 422 Appeal 28	Confinement FORFEITURE/PENALTY	864 SSID Title XVI
490 Cable/Sat TV	Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	345 Marine Product Liability	USC 158	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21	🔲 865 RSI (405 (g))
850 Securities/Com- modities/Exchange	160 Stockholders'	350 Motor Vehicle 355 Motor Vehicle	USC 157	USC 881	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
890 Other Statutory Actions	L Suits	Product Liability			870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
 Actions 891 Agricultural Acts 	190 Other Contract	360 Other Personal Injury	440 Other Civil Rights 441 Voting	710 Fair Labor Standards	871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
893 Environmental Matters	195 Contract Product Liability	362 Personal Injury- Med Malpratice	442 Employment	720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	
B95 Freedom of Info. Act	196 Franchise	365 Personal Injury- Product Liability	Accommodations	740 Railway Labor Act	
896 Arbitration899 Admin. Procedures	REAL PROPERTY	367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury	445 American with Disabilities- Employment	751 Family and Medical Leave Act	
Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision	220 Foreclosure	Product Liability 368 Asbestos	446 American with Disabilities-Other	790 Other Labor Litigation	
950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	Box Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	448 Education	791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

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QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court?	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN	NG IN THE COUNTY OF:		INITIAL DIV	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:		
	Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or S	an Luis Ob	ispo	V	Western		
If "no, " skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the	Orange			So	outhern		
corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.	Riverside or San Bernardino			E	astern		
QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action?	B.1. Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside the district reside in Orange Co.?		YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.				
🗌 Yes 📄 No			🔲 NO. Contir	nue to Question B.2.			
If "no, " skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.	B.2. Do 50% or more of the defendants who the district reside in Riverside and/or San Berr Counties? (Consider the two counties togeth	nardino		case will initially be assigne ern" in response to Questio			
	check one of the boxes to the right \longrightarrow			ase will initially be assigned tern" in response to Questic			
QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action?				hern" in response to Quest	assigned to the Southern Division. co Question E, below, and continue		
🗌 Yes 🗌 No				nue to Question C.2.			
If "no, " skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.	C.2. Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)		ino Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E. below, and continue				
	check one of the boxes to the right 🛛 👄			tern" in response to Questio	will initially be assigned to the Western Division. " in response to Question E, below, and continue		
QUESTION D: Location of plaintiff	s and defendants?	Oran	A. ge County	B. Riverside or San Bernardino County	C. Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County		
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave	more of <i>plaintiffs who reside in this district</i> blank if none of these choices apply.)						
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or <i>district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, o apply.)	more of <i>defendants who reside in this</i> r leave blank if none of these choices	s					
D.1. Is there at least one	answer in Column A?		D.2. Is there a	it least one answer in C	olumn B?		
Yes	No			Yes No			
If "yes," your case will initia		If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the					
SOUTHERN D		EASTERN DIVISION.					
Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.			Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below.				
lf "no," go to question		lt		ill be assigned to the WEST n" in response to Question			
					•		
QUESTION E: Initial Division?			INI	TIAL DIVISION IN CACD			
Enter the initial division determined by C	Question A, B, C, or D above:						
QUESTION F: Northern Counties?							
Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendar	nts in this district reside in Ventura, Santa	Barbara, o	or San Luis Obis	po counties?	Yes 🗌 No		

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IX(a). IDENTIC	L CASES : Has this action been previously filed in this court ?	□ NO	YES
lf yes, list ca	se number(s):		
IX(b). RELATED	CASES: Is this case related (as defined below) to any civil or criminal case(s) previously filed in this		
lf yes, list ca	se number(s):	L NO	YES
lf yes, you m	ust file a Notice of Related Case, as set forth in the Local Rules.		
Civil cases	are related when they (check all that apply):		
	A Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;		
E	. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or		
	. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.		
Note: That	cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases	related.	
A civil for	eiture case and a criminal case are related when they (check all that apply):		
L A	. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;		
E	. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or		
	Involve one or more defendants from the criminal case in common and would entail substantial du abor if heard by different judges.	uplication of	
	DR NATIONWIDE RELIEF : Does this case seek to bar or mandate enforcement of a state or federa e relief on a statewide or nationwide basis?	II law and seek d	leclaratory
XI. SIGNATURE (OR SELF-REPR	OF ATTORNEY ESENTED LITIGANT): DATE:		
neither replaces n	I/Parties: The submission of this Civil Cover Sheet is required by Local Rule 3-1. This Form CV-71 and or supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as prov ructions, see separate instruction sheet (CV-071A).		
Key to Statistical coo	les relating to Social Security Cases: Code Abbreviation Substantive Statement of Cause of Action		

Nature of Sult Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))

ATTORNEY(S) FOR:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

	CASE NUMBER:
Plaintiff(s), v.	
Defendant(s)	CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Local Rule 7.1-1)

TO: THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

The undersigned, counsel of record for

or party appearing in pro per, certifies that the following listed party (or parties) may have a pecuniary interest in the outcome of this case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal.

(List the names of all such parties and identify their connection and interest. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

PARTY

CONNECTION / INTEREST

Date

Signature

Attorney of record for (or name of party appearing in pro per):

CV-30 (05/13)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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Plaintiff(s))
V.)
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Defendent(s))
Defendant(s))

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

Civil Action No.

To: (Defendant's name and address)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (nan	ne of individual and title, if any)		
was re	ceived by me on (date)			
	□ I personally served	the summons on the individua	l at (place)	
			on (date)	; or
	\square I left the summons		r usual place of abode with <i>(name)</i>	:
	on (date)		son of suitable age and discretion who res o the individual's last known address; or	sides there,
	□ I served the summo	ons on (name of individual)		, who is
	designated by law to a	accept service of process on be	on (date)	; or
	 I returned the summ Other <i>(specify):</i> 	nons unexecuted because		; or
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00
	I declare under penalty	of perjury that this information	on is true.	
Date:				
			Server's signature	
			Printed name and title	

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CASE NUMBER

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER

V.

REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS WITH DECLARATION IN SUPPORT

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

I, ______ declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct; that I am the petitioner/plaintiff in the above entitled case; that in support of my motion to proceed without being required to prepay fees, costs or give security therefore, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of said proceedings or to give security therefore and that I am entitled to redress.

I further declare under penalty of perjury that the responses which I have made to the questions and instructions below are true, correct and complete.

1. Are you currently employed? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No

- a. If the answer is yes, state the amount of your salary or wages per month, and give the name and address of your employer:
- b. If the answer is no, state the date of last employment and the amount of the salary and wages per month which you received.

2. Have you received, within the past twelve months, any money from any of the following sources?

Public benefits?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Business, profession or form of self-employment?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Rent payments, interest or dividends?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Gifts or inheritances?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Any other income (other than listed above)?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Loans?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
Any other income (other than listed above)?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No

If the answer to any of the above is yes, describe such source of money and state the amount received from each source during the past twelve (12) months:

3.	Do you own any cash, o	r do you ł	have money in a	t checking or	savings account?	(include any f	funds in prison	L
	accounts, if applicable)	🗌 Yes	🗌 No					

If the answer is yes, identify each account and separately state the amount of money in each account for
each of the six (6) months prior to the date of this declaration.

4. Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)?
Yes No

If you answer is yes, describe the property and state its approximate value:

5.	In what year did you last file an Income Tax Return?	_
	Approximately how much income did your last return reflect?	

6. List the persons who are dependent upon you for support, state your relationship to those persons, and indicate how much you contribute toward their support:

Date	Plain	Plaintiff (Signature)	
I, true and correct. Executed on	declare under penalty	County (or City) declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is	
State	Сот		
Utilities	Other		
Medical	Loans		
Food	Insurance		
Transportation	Child Care		
Housing	Credit Cards		