

1. ☐ The following party or ☐ the attorney for:
- a. ☐ plaintiff (*name*):
 - b. ☐ defendant (*name*):
 - c. ☐ petitioner (*name*):
 - d. ☐ respondent (*name*):
 - e. ☐ other (*describe*):

2. The electronic service address of the person identified in item 1 is (specify):

Date:

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY)

PROOF OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE ADDRESS

- ☐ Electronic service of the *Consent to Electronic Service and Notice of Electronic Service Address* on additional persons is described in an attachment.

Date:

(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

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
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:	
ANSWER—UNLAWFUL DETAINER	CASE NUMBER:

1. Defendant (all defendants for whom this answer is filed must be named and must sign this answer unless their attorney signs):

answers the complaint as follows.

2. **DENIALS (Check ONLY ONE of the next two boxes.)**

- a. ☐ **General Denial** (Do not check this box if the complaint demands more than \$1,000.)
 Defendant generally denies each statement of the complaint.
- b. ☐ **Specific Denials** (Check this box and complete (1) and (2) below if complaint demands more than \$1,000.)
 Defendant admits that all the statements of the complaint are true EXCEPT:

Denial of Allegations in Complaint (form UD-100 or other complaint for unlawful detainer)

(1) Defendant claims the following statements of the complaint are false (state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):

☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(1).

(2) Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements of the complaint are true, so defendant denies them (state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):

☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2).

3. **DEFENSES AND OBJECTIONS (NOTE: For each box checked, you must state brief facts to support it in item 3t (on page 3) or, if more room is needed, on form MC-025. You can learn more about defenses and objections at selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/eviction-tenant/.)**

- a. ☐ (Nonpayment of rent only) Plaintiff has breached the warranty to provide habitable premises.
- b. ☐ (Nonpayment of rent only) Defendant made needed repairs and properly deducted the cost from the rent, and plaintiff did not give proper credit.
- c. ☐ (Nonpayment of rent only) On (date): before the notice to pay or quit expired, defendant offered the rent due but plaintiff would not accept it.
- d. ☐ (Nonpayment of rent only) Plaintiff's demand for possession is based on nonpayment of rent due more than one year ago.
- e. ☐ Plaintiff waived, changed, or canceled the notice to quit.
- f. ☐ Plaintiff served defendant with the notice to quit or filed the complaint to retaliate against defendant.



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3. g. ☐ By serving defendant with the notice to quit or filing the complaint, plaintiff is arbitrarily discriminating against the defendant in violation of the Constitution or the laws of the United States or California.
- h. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession violates the local rent control or eviction control ordinance of (*city or county, title of ordinance, and date of passage*):
(Also, briefly state in item 3t the facts showing violation of the ordinance.)
- i. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession is subject to the Tenant Protection Act of 2019, Civil Code section 1946.2 or 1947.12, and is not in compliance with the act. (*Check all that apply and briefly state in item 3t the facts that support each.*)
- (1) ☐ Plaintiff failed to state a just cause for termination of tenancy in the written notice to terminate.
- (2) ☐ Plaintiff failed to provide an opportunity to cure any alleged violations of terms and conditions of the lease (other than payment of rent) as required under Civil Code section 1946.2(c).
- (3) ☐ Plaintiff failed to comply with the relocation assistance requirements of Civil Code section 1946.2(d).
- (4) ☐ Plaintiff has raised the rent more than the amount allowed under Civil Code section 1947.12, and the only unpaid rent is the unauthorized amount.
- (5) ☐ Plaintiff violated the Tenant Protection Act in another manner that defeats the complaint.
- j. ☐ Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date the notice to quit expired.
- k. ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on an act—against defendant, defendant's immediate family member, or a member of defendant's household—that constitutes domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, abuse of an elder or a dependent adult, or a crime that caused bodily injury, involved a deadly weapon, or used force or threat of force. (*This defense requires one of the following, which may be included with this form: (1) a temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report that is not more than 180 days old; (2) a signed statement from a qualified third party (e.g., a doctor, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, human trafficking caseworker, psychologist, or a victim of violent crime advocate concerning the injuries or abuse resulting from these acts); or (3) another form of documentation or evidence that verifies that the abuse or violence occurred.*)
- (1) ☐ The abuse or violence was committed by a person who does not live in the dwelling unit.
- (2) ☐ The abuse or violence was committed by a person who lives in the dwelling unit and defendant claims protection from eviction under Code of Civil Procedure section 1161.3(d)(2).
- l. ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on defendant or another person calling the police or emergency assistance (e.g., ambulance) by or on behalf of a victim of abuse, a victim of crime, or an individual in an emergency when defendant or the other person believed that assistance was necessary.
- m. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations and (*check all that apply*)
- (1) ☐ plaintiff received or has a pending application for rental assistance from a governmental rental assistance program or some other source relating to the amount claimed in the notice to pay rent or quit. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 50897.1(d)(2)(B) and 50897.3(e)(2).)
- (2) ☐ plaintiff received or has a pending application for rental assistance from a governmental rental assistance program or some other source for rent accruing since the notice to pay rent or quit. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 50897.1(d)(2)(B) and 50897.3(e)(2).)
- (3) ☐ plaintiff's demand for possession is based only on late fees for defendant's failure to provide landlord payment within 15 days of receiving governmental rental assistance. (Health & Saf. Code, § 50897.1(e)(2)(B).)
- n. ☐ Plaintiff violated a local COVID-19–related ordinance regarding evictions (*briefly state facts describing this in item 3t*).
- o. ☐ The property is covered by the federal CARES Act and the plaintiff did not provide 30 days' notice to vacate.
(*Property covered by the CARES Act means property where the landlord*
- *is participating in a covered housing program as defined by the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12491(a));*
 - *is participating in the rural housing voucher program under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (34 U.S.C. § 12491); or*
 - *has a federally backed mortgage loan or a federally backed multifamily mortgage loan.*
- p. ☐ Before October 1, 2025, plaintiff improperly applied payments made by defendant in a tenancy that was in existence between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021 (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.04.5), as follows (*check all that apply*):
- (1) ☐ Plaintiff applied a security deposit to rent, or other financial obligations due, without tenant's written agreement.
- (2) ☐ Plaintiff applied a monthly rental payment to rent or other financial obligations that were due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, other than to the prospective month's rent, without tenant's written agreement.



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3. q. ☐ Plaintiff refused to accept payment from a third party for rent due. (Civ. Code, § 1947.3; Gov. Code, § 12955.)
- r. ☐ Defendant has a disability and plaintiff refused to provide a reasonable accommodation that was requested. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 12176(c).)
- s. ☐ Other defenses and objections are stated in item 3t.
- t. *(Provide facts for each item checked above, either below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):*
☐ Description of facts or defenses are on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 3t.

4. OTHER STATEMENTS

- a. ☐ Defendant vacated the premises on *(date)*:
- b. ☐ The fair rental value of the premises alleged in the complaint is excessive *(explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025)*.
☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 4b.
- c. ☐ Other *(specify below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025)*:
☐ Other statements are on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 4c.

5. DEFENDANT REQUESTS

- a. that plaintiff take nothing requested in the complaint.
- b. costs incurred in this proceeding.
- c. ☐ reasonable attorney fees.
- d. ☐ that plaintiff be ordered to (1) make repairs and correct the conditions that constitute a breach of the warranty to provide habitable premises and (2) reduce the monthly rent to a reasonable rental value until the conditions are corrected.
- e. ☐ Other *(specify below or on form MC-025)*:
☐ All other requests are stated on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 5e.

6. ☐ Pages attached *(specify number of pages)*:






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UNLAWFUL DETAINER ASSISTANT (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6400–6415)

7. *(Must be completed in all cases.)* An **unlawful detainer assistant** ☐ did not ☐ did for compensation give advice or assistance with this form. If defendant has received **any** help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant, state

- a. assistant's name: b. telephone number:
- c. street address, city, and zip code:
- d. county of registration: e. registration number: f. expiration date:




(Each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named in item 1 and must sign this answer unless defendant's attorney signs.)

_____		_____
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)
_____		_____
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)
_____		_____
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

VERIFICATION

(Use a different verification form if the verification is by an attorney or for a corporation or partnership.)

I am the defendant in this proceeding and have read this answer. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:			_____
	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)
Date:			_____
	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)
Date:			_____
	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)

SHORT TITLE:

CASE NUMBER:

ATTACHMENT (Number): _____

(This Attachment may be used with any Judicial Council form.)

(If the item that this Attachment concerns is made under penalty of perjury, all statements in this Attachment are made under penalty of perjury.)

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(Add pages as required)

A defendant tenant may use this form to file a declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress with the court if a plaintiff has filed an unlawful detainer action against the defendant and asserts that a defendant did not deliver a declaration within the required 15-day period after service of a notice demanding payment of rent or other financial obligations. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(h).)

- The signed declaration (you may use form UD-104(A)) must be filed within 5 days after the summons and legal papers in the case are served on you, not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and other judicial holidays. This is the same time frame in which you must file an answer or other response to the complaint.
- If the declaration is filed within the time frame described above, the case against you may be dismissed. The court will set a hearing to determine if there was good cause for your not delivering the declaration to the plaintiff in the time required.
 - The court will provide a notice of the time and place of the hearing to all plaintiffs and defendants.
 - At the hearing, you may explain why you did not deliver this to the landlord in the time required.
 - If the court finds that your failure to provide the declaration was due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, the court will dismiss the case against you.
- Written filings with the court must be provided in English. (Code Civ. Proc., §185 (a).)
 - If attaching a non-English-language declaration provided by the landlord, you should also attach an English-language version, either a copy that was given to you by the landlord or one from landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/forms.html.
 - You can attach a translation of the declaration instead, if signed by the translator.

- Date:

(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

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:		
PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:		
ATTACHMENT—DECLARATION OF COVID-19-RELATED FINANCIAL DISTRESS		CASE NUMBER:

Review the information on form UD-104 to learn more about when to file this form.

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

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

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

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

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:	
PROOF OF SERVICE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL—CIVIL	
CASE NUMBER:	

(Do not use this Proof of Service to show service of a Summons and Complaint.)

- I am over 18 years of age and **not a party to this action**. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing took place.
- My residence or business address is:
- On (date): _____ I mailed from (city and state): _____
the following **documents** (specify):

☐ The documents are listed in the *Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Documents Served)* (form POS-030(D)).


- I served the documents by enclosing them in an envelope and (check one):
 - ☐ **depositing** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.
 - ☐ **placing** the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.
- The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:
 - Name** of person served:
 - Address** of person served:

☐ The name and address of each person to whom I mailed the documents is listed in the *Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Persons Served)* (POS-030(P)).

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 PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)



(SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROOF OF SERVICE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL—CIVIL

(This information sheet is not part of the Proof of Service and does not need to be copied, served, or filed.)

NOTE: This form should **not** be used for proof of service of a summons and complaint. For that purpose, use *Proof of Service of Summons* (form POS-010).

Use these instructions to complete the Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (form POS-030).

A person over 18 years of age must serve the documents. There are two main ways to serve documents: (1) by personal delivery and (2) by mail. Certain documents must be personally served. You must determine whether personal service is required for a document. Use the *Proof of Personal Service—Civil* (form POS-020) if the documents were personally served.

The person who served the documents by mail must complete a proof of service form for the documents served. **You cannot serve documents if you are a party to the action.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSON WHO SERVED THE DOCUMENTS

The proof of service should be printed or typed. If you have Internet access, a fillable version of the Proof of Service form is available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms.

Complete the top section of the proof of service form as follows:

First box, left side: In this box print the name, address, and telephone number of the person for whom you served the documents.

Second box, left side: Print the name of the county in which the legal action is filed and the court's address in this box. The address for the court should be the same as on the documents that you served.

Third box, left side: Print the names of the Petitioner/Plaintiff and Respondent/Defendant in this box. Use the same names as are on the documents that you served.

First box, top of form, right side: Leave this box blank for the court's use.

Second box, right side: Print the case number in this box. The case number should be the same as the case number on the documents that you served.

Complete items 1–5 as follows:

1. You are stating that you are over the age of 18 and that you are not a party to this action. You are also stating that you either live in or are employed in the county where the mailing took place.
2. Print your home or business address.
3. Provide the date and place of the mailing and list the name of each document that you mailed. If you need more space to list the documents, check the box in item 3, complete the *Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Documents Served)* (form POS-030(D)), and attach it to form POS-030.
4. For item 4:

Check box a if you personally put the documents in the regular U.S. mail.
Check box b if you put the documents in the mail at your place of business.
5. Provide the name and address of each person to whom you mailed the documents. If you mailed the documents to more than one person, check the box in item 5, complete the *Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Persons Served)* (form POS-030(P)), and attach it to form POS-030.

At the bottom, fill in the date on which you signed the form, print your name, and sign the form. By signing, you are stating under penalty of perjury that all the information you have provided on form POS-030 is true and correct.