


_____ PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: _____ RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: _____ OTHER PARENT:	CASE NUMBER:
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5. My address and telephone number for receipt of all notices and court dates until I file a change with the court and with the local child support agency are as follows:

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

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

Date:

_____  _____
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

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


PROOF OF SERVICE

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

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

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

Date:

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

This case may be referred to a court commissioner for hearing. By law, court commissioners do not have the authority to issue final orders and judgments in contested cases unless they are acting as temporary judges. The court commissioner in your case will act as a temporary judge unless, before the hearing, you or any other party objects to the commissioner acting as a temporary judge. The court commissioner may still hear your case to make findings and recommendations to a judge. However, if you object to the commissioner acting as a temporary judge, an order will not be made until a judge reviews your case.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ANSWER TO COMPLAINT (California Rules of Court, rule 1299.04)

Please follow these instructions to complete the *Answer to Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations* (form 1299.04) if you do not have an attorney to represent you. Your attorney, if you have one, should complete this form.

You must file the completed *Answer* and attachments with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you received the *Summons and Complaint* (form 1299.01). The address of the court clerk is the same as the one shown for the Superior Court on the *Summons and Complaint* (form 1299.01). You may have to pay a filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, contact the court clerk to obtain forms to apply for a waiver of court fees. **Keep two copies of the filed *Answer* form and its attachments. Serve one copy on the local child support agency and keep the other copy for your records. (See *Information Sheet for Service of Process*, form 1299.05.)**

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

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

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

1. For each child listed on the *Answer* form, you must check the "yes" box if you agree that you are that child's parent, or check the "no" box if you do not think or are not sure whether you are that child's parent. You must write in the name of each child listed in the *Summons and Complaint* (form 1299.01) if your *Answer* form does not include the names of any children.

NOTE: Checking the "no" box does not satisfy the requirements needed to set aside any *Voluntary Declaration of Paternity* which you may have signed (Family Code Section 7575).

2. If you have checked a "no" box in answer to number 1 above, you must request a genetic test to determine whether you or the other parent is the parent. (The test is usually a blood test.) The local child support agency will tell you when and where to go for the test. The local child support agency will pay for the cost of the test now. If the court decides the test shows parentage as pleaded in the *Complaint*, you may have to repay this cost to the local child support agency.
3.
 - a. Check this box if you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form 1299.13) that you received.
 - b. You should check this box if you do not agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form 1299.13).
4. If you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form 1299.13), but you disagree with the proposed judgment for another reason, you should check this box and write your reasons in this space. **If you have documents that prove your reasons for disagreeing with the proposed *Judgment*, you should attach the documents to the *Answer* form.**
5. You must list your address and phone numbers where you can receive all notices and court dates. You must let the court know whenever your address changes. If the court does not have your current address, you may not receive important notices that affect you.

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

Instructions for how to complete the *Proof of Service* section of the *Answer* form are in the *Information Sheet for Service of Process* (form 1299.05). The person who serves the *Answer* and its attachments must fill out this section of the form. **You cannot serve your own *Answer*.**