

LEGAL SERVICES *of* NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

ANSWER TO EVICTION (UNLAWFUL DETAINER) INSTRUCTION PACKET



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A NOTE ABOUT USING THESE FORMS ONLINE VS. ON PAPER

Legal Services of Northern California created this Instruction Packet in an online version and a paper version. There are a few differences between the online and the paper packet.

If you are using these forms online:

- There are links throughout the instruction packet. The links may jump you to the blank forms or to an external website with more information. To return to your previous spot, you will need to scroll back to it.
- Some fields in the fillable forms are linked. For example, this means that if you fill in your case number on one page, your case number will auto-fill on all the other pages.
- If you type your answers into the forms online, you can print from your browser. You can also download the PDF and save or email the forms to yourself. You might need to do this if you do not have a printer. Your local library or community resource center may be able to help you with this process.

If you are using the paper packet and filling out these forms by hand:

- It may be easiest to make three separate piles before you get started:
 - Pile 1 – the court eviction papers you got
 - Pile 2 – the instruction packet
 - Pile 3 – the blank forms, which start on page 22 of this packet
- Keep your forms in order as you fill them out. This will make it easier when it is time to make copies.

INTRODUCTION

You need this packet if you received court eviction papers. The eviction papers are the *Summons and Complaint* for Unlawful Detainer (eviction).

“Eviction” and “Unlawful Detainer” are the same thing. Sometimes evictions are called “UDs,” which is short for Unlawful Detainers.

Tenants must respond to eviction papers by filing legal papers in court. The tenant’s papers are called the “*Answer*.” The *Answer* is where the tenant states their legal defenses and objections to the *Complaint*. You must file an *Answer* in order to get before the judge.

The *Answer* must be filed within **5 court days** of being served with the papers. (See the instructions for counting court days on page 4 of this packet.)**

“File your papers” means that you take your papers to the court and give them to the civil court clerk.

To file an *Answer*, all you have to do is:

- [Fill out the forms attached to this packet](#). We will show you how.
- Ask for a copy of the *Fee Waiver* and *Order on Fee Waiver* instruction packet or [click here](#).
- Follow the instructions in the “[Checklist: What Do I Do with My Papers After I Fill Them Out?](#)” section of this packet.

****WHAT IF YOU MISSED THE FIVE-DAY FILING DEADLINE?**

- If you do not file your *Answer* by the 5th day, on the 6th day, and any day after that, your landlord can file a *Request to Enter Default*. If granted by the court, this means your landlord wins the whole case.
- But, you can still file your *Answer*, even after the 5th day, **if your landlord has not filed a *Request to Enter Default*.**

If you are in this situation, call or go to the court right away and ask the court clerk if your landlord filed a *Request to Enter Default*.

- You will need to tell the clerk your case number and case name.
- If there is no *Default* on file, file your *Answer* immediately.
- If there is a *Default*, ask Legal Services for a copy of our *Default* and/or *Stay* packet(s).

THE EVICTION PAPERS, OR SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

The "*Summons*"

- Names you, the tenants, as the "Defendants," the people who are defending themselves.
- Names your landlord or manager as the "Plaintiff," the person who filed the eviction case;
- Shows your case number; **and**
- Names your landlord's lawyer if they have one.
- Sometimes the *Summons* names people as defendants even if they don't live there. Everyone whose name is on the *Summons* as a defendant should file an *Answer*. If they do not, they risk having a court judgment entered against them.

The "*Complaint*"

- The *Complaint* is the set of court forms where the landlord tells their side of the story, and
- Asks the judge to order you to move out.
- The *Complaint* may also ask the judge to order you to pay back rent, court costs and attorney's fees.
- It may also ask for "Damages." Damages means the amount of money the landlord is asking the court to order you pay to the landlord. It does not mean that you are accused of literally causing damage to the rental home.

The "*Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations*"

- Your landlord must file a *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* form if they file an eviction case before March 31, 2022 or if your tenancy began after September 30, 2021.
- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been a lot of new housing laws. The *Mandatory Cover Sheet* is one way the courts can screen new eviction cases.
- Even if you don't think the pandemic protections apply to you, make sure you read the *Mandatory Cover Sheet* attached to your eviction case.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO FILE MY ANSWER?

You must file your *Answer* within **5 court days** after the day you were served with the *Summons and Complaint*. The 5 days start the **day after** you are served with the *Summons and Complaint*.

"Served" means "getting" the papers. Someone might hand the papers to you. You might get the papers in the mail. The papers might be posted on your door.

You **count every day the court is open. DO NOT include weekends or court holidays.** Even if you get the *Summons and Complaint* at night, count the very next court day as the first day. There might be a court holiday within this five-day period. Do not count court holidays. If the 5th day falls on a court holiday, you must file your *Answer* on the next day the court is open.

Here is an example of how to figure out what day to file your answer. If you are served Monday, you count Tuesday as day 1, Wednesday as day 2, Thursday as day 3, Friday as day 4, and Monday as day 5.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

SERVED (Monday, Day 0)

FILE ANSWER (Monday, Day 5)

If Friday is a court holiday, you count Tuesday as day 1, Wednesday as day 2, Thursday as day 3, Monday as day 4, and Tuesday as day 5.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

SERVED (Monday, Day 0)

COURT HOLIDAY (Friday, Day 5)

FILE ANSWER (Tuesday, Day 5)

WHAT FORMS DO I NEED?

Blank forms are clipped to this packet.

- [Answer – Unlawful Detainer \(UD-105\)](#)

All defendants can do one *Answer* together, as long as ALL defendants sign it. Do this only if all defendants have the same legal defenses. Each defendant can also file their own *Answer*.

- [Attachment 3w](#)

This form is optional. You can find *Attachment 3w* at the back of the blank forms section of this packet. If you decide to use *Attachment 3w*, you must file it with your *Answer*.

- [Proof of Service by First Class Mail – Civil \(POS-030\)](#)

Only one *Proof of Service* form is needed if all defendants file one *Answer* together. Each Defendant who files their own *Answer* must also do a separate *Proof of Service*.

Ask for a Fee Waiver Instruction Packet or [click here](#).

- [FW-001 Request to Waive Court Fees**](#)

- [FW-003 Order on Court Fee Waiver**](#)

** The court charges defendants to file an *Answer*. **But**, if you are low-income or can't pay the filing fee and pay for your basic needs, you should fill out the Fee Waiver forms. Many people qualify for a fee waiver. This means you will not have to pay a filing fee to file your forms. All defendants must file their own *Fee Waivers* and *Orders* separately.

WHERE DO I FILE MY PAPERS?

It depends on where your case was filed. **You must file your Answer papers at the same court where your case was filed.** You can find the name and address of the right court on the *Summons* you were served. This picture is of the bottom of page 1 of the *Summons*.

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

This is where you will find the name and address of the Court where you will file your Answer and attend your hearing.

CASE NUMBER (número del caso):

This is where you find your case number.

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

This is where you will find the name and address of your landlord or landlord's attorney if they are represented. This is also the person who has to be served a copy of your Answer.

FORMS WITH INSTRUCTIONS

Blank *Answer* forms can be found after these instructions or at www.courts.ca.gov.

TO DO:

- Get the papers you were served – the *Summons* and *Complaint* and the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations*. You will need information from these papers to fill out your own forms.
- Use the Blank Forms at the end of this packet to prepare your *Answer*. If you want to view the blank forms in a separate window or tab, you can [click here](#).
- Start filling out your papers now.
- Read the “Forms with Instructions” section of this packet. There are pictures of the forms included in the instructions. These pictures have additional information and tips to help you fill out your own *Answer*.

Some of the pictures of the forms tell you what to write in the fillable boxes or what box to check.

1. Defendant (*each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named and must sign this answer unless his or her attorney signs*):

Write in the names of all defendants (including yourself) who will also be signing this Answer with you.

answers the complaint as follows:

Other pictures give you tips, like how to know which attachment pages should be counted.

6. Number of pages attached: _____

If you filled out and attached any pages to your Answer, like Attachment 3o, write the number of pages you are stapling to your answer.

REMEMBER: Type or print neatly in black or blue ink only!

You might not have a defense to the eviction case. But, you should still file an answer with the court clerk within five days of getting the complaint. This will prevent your landlord from winning the case against you because you did not respond. It may also give you some more time to move.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER – UNLAWFUL DETAINER (UD-105)

ANSWER - PAGE 1

You don't have to **prove** your side of the story until your trial. When you fill out your *Answer*, you are telling your landlord and the judge what **you will try to prove** at trial.

Fill out the numbered parts of the blank *Answer* form clipped to this packet by:

- Following the instructions below and
- Using the pictures of the forms with notes on them as a guide

HOW TO FILL OUT A CAPTION

- **Copy the information from the Summons you were served EXACTLY, even if the names are wrong or misspelled.**
- Refer to the *Summons* for all the information you need to fill out the caption box.
- The “Plaintiff” is the person suing you – like your landlord or property management company.
- The “Defendant” is you.
- Fill the caption out the same for the *Answer* and *Proof of Service*.

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<div>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY</div> <div>NAME: Write in your name and the names of all defendants filing this Answer.</div> <div>FIRM NAME: Write in your mailing address.</div> <div>STREET ADDRESS: Write in your city.</div> <div>CITY: Write in your city.</div> <div>STATE: CA ZIP CODE: Write in your zip code.</div> <div>TELEPHONE NO.: Write in a reliable phone number. FAX NO.:</div> <div>E-MAIL ADDRESS: Write in your email address, if you have one.</div> <div>ATTORNEY FOR (name): In Pro Per</div>		<div>FOR COURT USE ONLY</div> <div>Write in a reliable mailing address. Make sure you use an address where you can receive mail about this case.</div>
<div>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Write the County where the case is filed.</div> <div>STREET ADDRESS: Write in the address of the court as it is listed in the Complaint.</div> <div>MAILING ADDRESS: as it is listed in the Complaint.</div> <div>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</div> <div>BRANCH NAME: Write in the branch of the court as listed in the complaint.</div>		
<div>PLAINTIFF: Write in Plaintiff's name as written on the Complaint</div> <div>DEFENDANT: Write in Defendant's name as written on the Complaint.</div>		
ANSWER—UNLAWFUL DETAINER		<div>CASE NUMBER:</div> <div>Copy your case number from the Complaint.</div>

Leave State Bar Number, Firm Name, and Fax Number blank.

ITEM 1 - DEFENDANT

Write in the names of all defendants who are filing this *Answer* together.

1. Defendant (each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named and must sign this answer unless his or her attorney signs):

Write in the names of all defendants (including yourself) who will also be signing this Answer with you.

answers the complaint as follows:

ITEM 2 – DENIALS

Check **ONLY ONE** of the next two boxes –

answers the complaint as follows:

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

Check this box if your landlord demands less than \$1000.

- a. ☐ ~~General Denial~~ (Do not check this box if the complaint demands more than \$1,000.)

Defendant generally denies each statement of the complaint and of the Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer (form UD-101).

Check this box if your landlord demands more than \$1000.

- b. ☐ ~~Specific Denials~~ (Check this box and complete the statement demands more than \$1,000.)

Defendant admits that all of the statements of the complaint and of the Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer (form UD-101) are true EXCEPT:

If you were served with the form Complaint – Unlawful Detainer (UD-100):

- Look at box 19 (4th page). **Add the amounts in boxes c, f, and h.** Use the spaces below to help you calculate the amount of damages your landlord is asking for:

- c – past due rent of \$ _____
- f – damages in the amount of waived rent or relocation assistance as stated in item 8: \$ _____
- h – statutory damages up to \$600 for the conduct alleged in item 14.
- **Total: \$ _____**

If you were served with a *Complaint* that has line numbers 1-28 on the left side:

- Look at the section of the *Complaint* that has the “Relief” or “Prayer for Relief”. Add the unpaid rent and “damages” your landlord is requesting.

If this amount is \$1,000 or **less**, check box 2a and skip to the instructions on page 11. Follow the instructions on page for Page 2 – Item 3. If this amount is **more** than \$1,000, continue to the instructions for box 2b.

ITEM 2B

- b. If the *Complaint* demands **more** than \$1,000, check box 2b. Provide information in sections 1 and/or 2 below.
1. Look at the *Complaint*. If you disagree with any of the information on these papers, fill in the information in sections a and/or b under **Denial of Allegations in Complaint**:
- a. You must write the number of each paragraph of the *Complaint* you think is **false**. Example: If you disagree with the amount of rent due stated on the *Complaint*, Box 12, you write: 12.
- b. If you don't know whether a paragraph in the *Complaint* is true or false, write in the number of that paragraph under box 2b(2). Example: You can write in: 2a; 2b; 4, if you don't know if the information on the *Complaint* is right.

(1) **Denial of Allegations in Complaint (Form UD-100 or Other Complaint for Unlawful Detainer)**

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

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

Only write here if you checked box 2b(1)(a).

Write in the number of the paragraph(s) of the Complaint you think are false.

- (b) 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(1)(b).

Only write here if you checked box 2b(1)(b).

Write in the number of the paragraph(s) of the Complaint that you do not know are true or false.

2. Look at the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations – Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101). These papers will be with the *Complaint*. If you disagree with any of the information on this form, fill in the information in sections a, b, c, and/or d under **Denial of Allegations in Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations – Unlawful Detainer**.

- a. If you did not receive the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations – Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) with the *Complaint*, check box a. If you do not check box a, you must complete boxes b, c, and/or d.
- b. If any of the statements in item 3 (Verification required for issuance of summons – residential) of the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* are false, check this box.
- c. You must write the number of each section or paragraph you think is **false**. **Example:** The *Supplemental Allegations* form marks paragraph 6c. This means your landlord says they served you a blank *COVID-19 Related Financial Distress Declaration* form. If you disagree, you would write in 6c under 2b(2)(c).

(2) **Denial of Allegations in *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101)**

(a) ☐ Defendant did not receive plaintiff's *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* (form UD-101). (If not checked, complete (b) and (c), as appropriate.)

(b) ☐ Defendant claims the statements in the **Verification required for issuance of summons—residential**, item 3 of plaintiff's *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* (form UD-101), are false.

(c) Defendant claims the following statements on the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are false (state paragraph numbers from form UD-101 or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025): ☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2)(c).

Check this box if any of the statements Plaintiff made in Box 3 of Verification by Landlord Regarding Rental Assistance (UD-101) are false. You should also review 3n, o and p and check the boxes that apply to you here as well.

Check this box if you were not served the Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations Form.

Only write in this section if 2b(2)(c) applies to you. Make sure to write in the number of the paragraph(s) that are false.

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- d. You might not know if a paragraph in the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations – Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) is true or false. If that happens, write in the number of that paragraph under box 2b(2)(d). **Example:** You can write in: 6a; 6b; 8 if you don't know if the information on the *Supplemental Allegations* form is right.

PLAINTIFF:	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT:	

2. b. (2) (d) Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements on the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are true, so defendant denies them (state paragraph numbers from form UD-101 or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):

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

Only write under this section if you checked box 2b(2)(d). Make sure to write in the number of the paragraph(s) that you do not know are true or false.

ANSWER - PAGE 2

On the top of the form (above the line), write your case number.

ITEM 3 – DEFENSES AND OBJECTIONS

Now is the time to think about your defenses to the eviction. Read this section completely **BEFORE** checking any of these boxes. Follow along on *Attachment 3w*. These defenses and objections are listed on the *Answer* form (3a-w). The defenses and objections continue onto page 4 of the *Answer*. You'll find descriptions of the Defenses and Objections on the next several pages.

<p>PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:</p>	UD-105 CASE NUMBER:
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2. b. (2) (d) Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements on the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are true, so defendant denies them (state paragraph numbers from form UD-101 or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):

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

3. **DEFENSES AND OBJECTIONS** (NOTE: For each box checked, you must state brief facts to support it in item 3w (on page 4) or, if more room is needed, on form MC-025. You can learn more about defenses and objections at www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-eviction.htm.)

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) the rent due but plaintiff would not pay.

d. ☐ Plaintiff waived, changed, or canceled the lease.

e. ☐ Plaintiff served defendant with the notice to quit.

f. ☐ By serving defendant with the notice to quit, plaintiff acted in violation of the Constitution.

g. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession violated the ordinance, and date of passage: (Also, briefly state in item 3w the facts showing violation of the ordinance.)

h. ☐ 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 3w 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.

i. ☐ Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date the notice to quit expired.

j. ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on an act against defendant or a member of defendant's household that constitutes domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder or a dependent adult. (This defense requires one of the following: (1) a temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report that is not more than 180 days old; OR (2) a signed statement from a qualified third party (e.g., a doctor, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, human trafficking caseworker, or psychologist) concerning the injuries or abuse resulting from these acts.)

k. ☐ 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.

Review pages 12-16 of this instruction packet for more information about each of the Defenses and Objections found on pages 2-5 of the *Answer*.

You can use *Attachment 3w* in the blank forms section to include additional facts for any of the boxes you checked under Section 3 - Defenses and Objections.

*(this is only a partial screen capture of page 2 of the *Answer*.)

- a. Habitability/Repairs.** You can check this box if you did not pay rent **because** the condition of your home is dangerous to your health or safety **and** your landlord did not make necessary repairs. *You can only check this box if your landlord served you a notice for non-payment of rent.* For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb09_dealingwith.html#conditions
** See Attachment 3w. – Defense 3a.
- b. Repair and Deduct.** You can check this box if you did not pay rent **because** the condition of your home is dangerous to your health or safety **and** your landlord did not make necessary repairs **and** you made the repairs and deducted the cost from your rent, but your landlord did not give you credit. *You can only check this box if your landlord served you a notice for non-payment of rent.* For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb09_dealingwith.html#deduct ** See Attachment 3w. – Defense 3b.
- **NOTE:** For (a) and (b), you must convince the judge you do not owe the full rent because of the dangerous or unhealthy condition of your home. If the judge agrees with you, they will decide how much rent you do owe. You will lose your case if you can't pay the reduced amount of rent that the judge says you owe.
- c. Landlord Refused Rent Within the 3 Days.** You can check this box if you offered your landlord the rent money **during** the three-day period of the notice, but your landlord refused to accept it. Write in the date that you offered to pay the rent. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb11_terminations.html See Attachment 3w. – Defense 3c.
- d. Landlord Canceled the Eviction Notice.** You can check this box if your landlord has done something to change or cancel the 3-day, 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day notice. For example: your landlord told you to forget about the 3-day notice or that you could pay rent later in the month. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb10_movingout.html. See Attachment 3w. – Defense 3d.
- e. Retaliation.** You can check this box if you believe that your landlord is evicting you **because** you exercised a right you have as a tenant. Some of your rights include requesting repairs, calling the Health Department or Police Department, starting a tenants' association, or exercising some other right that is protected by state or federal law. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb11_terminations.html. See Attachment 3w. – Defense 3e.

- f. Discrimination.** You can check this box if you believe your landlord is evicting you **because** you belong to a certain protected class based on race, age, disability, etc. For more information about housing discrimination, visit <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/housing/>. If you are being evicted for discriminatory reasons, you can file a complaint with California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing. You can review DFEH's complaint process here <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/complaintprocess/>. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3f.*
- g. Rent Control.** You can check this box if you believe your landlord has acted in a way that breaks your local city or county rent control laws. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb15_appendix2.html. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3g.*
- h. The property is subject to the TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2019, or AB 1482.** California passed new renter protections that created a limit on how much a landlord can increase a tenant's rent. The new protections also mean that many renters can only be evicted for 'just cause' reasons. For more information, visit <https://lsnc.net/housing/new-california-limits-when-landlord-can-evict-renters> or https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb10_movingout.html#act. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3h.*
- i. Landlord Took Your Rent.** You can check this box if your landlord accepted your rent payment after your 3-day, 30-day, 60-day or 90-day notice expired. For example: Your landlord gave you a 30-day notice that expired on May 10th. On May 1, you gave your landlord full rent for May. Your landlord deposited your rent check. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb11_terminations.html. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3i.*
- j. Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.** You can check this box if you think your landlord is evicting you **because** you or a member of your household was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You will need to bring a copy of a temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report that is not more than 180 days old to court. The document must name you or your household member as the protected party or a victim of these crimes. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb10_movingout.html#special. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3j.*
- k. Calling the police or other emergency services.** You can check this box if you believe your landlord is evicting you **because** you or another person called for emergency services on behalf of a victim of abuse or a crime, or a person who needed emergency services. For more information, visit https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/resources/guidebook/gb10_movingout.html#periodic. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3k.*

Defenses and Objections 3l – 3r are COVID-19 related defenses and objections.

You can find more information about California’s COVID-19 housing protections and see if you are protected by these laws by visiting www.LSNC.net/coronavirus-covid-19 or www.housingiskey.com. You can also locate the LSNC office that serves your county by visiting www.LSNC.net/how-contact-us.

- l. Plaintiff’s demand for possession is in retaliation for nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, even though it is alleged to be based on other reasons.** California has special COVID-19 housing protections that cover housing between March 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3l*.
- m. Plaintiff’s demand for possession is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.** California has special COVID-19 housing protections that cover housing between March 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3m*.
- n. Plaintiff’s demand for possession is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between October 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.** See *Attachment 3w. – l*.
 - 1. You can check this box if your landlord gave you a pay or quit notice, but the notice does not include the contact information for the government rental assistance program that serves your county or is missing other required language.
 - 2. You can also check box n if you should have also been served a translated notice you because signed your lease in a language other than English. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3n*.
- o. Plaintiff’s demand for possession is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022 and you can check at least one of the boxes in this section. This defense only applies if you began living in your rental home before October 1, 2021.** You should include facts about this in item 3w or in *Attachment 3w*. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3o*.
 - 1. You can check this box if your landlord did not apply for rental assistance for the unpaid rent before they filed this complaint
 - 2. You can check this box if your landlord applied for rental assistance, but their application has not been denied.
 - 3. You check this box if your landlord’s rental assistance application was denied but not for a reason that would allow the landlord to get a summons or judgment because

your landlord either did not complete or finalize their application or they applied for the wrong program.

4. You can check this box if your landlord's rental assistance application was approved and you are separately filling out and filing form UD-125 – *Application to Prevent Forfeiture Due to COVID-19 Rental Debt*.

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p. Plaintiff's demand for possession is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations and you can check at least one of the boxes in this section. If you check this box, you should describe when and how you provided this declaration to your landlord. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3p*.

1. You can check this box if your landlord has received or has a pending application for rental assistance from a governmental rental assistance program or another third party related to the amount in the notice to pay rent or quit.
2. You can check this box if your landlord has received or has a pending application for rental assistance from a governmental rental assistance program or another third party for any rent that has added up since they served you the notice to pay rent or quit.
3. You can check this box if your landlord's complaint is based only on late fees because you did not pay your landlord within 15 days of when you received the governmental rental assistance you applied for.

q. Plaintiff violated the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 or a local COVID-19 related eviction ordinance in some other way. You should include facts about this in item 3w or in *Attachment 3w*. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense q*.

r. The property is covered by the federal CARES Act and Plaintiff did not provide 30 days' notice to vacate. See *Attachment 3w – Defense 3r* for information about what properties may be covered under section r.

s. Plaintiff improperly applied payments made by defendant. This applies if your landlord applied your security deposit to rent, or applied a monthly rental payment to rent that was due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, other than to the prospective month's rent without your written agreement. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3s*.

t. Plaintiff refused to accept payment from a third party for rent due. Check this box if your eviction for nonpayment of rent happened because your landlord refused to accept payment from someone else on your behalf, such as a rental assistance program, a county welfare department, family, etc. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3t*.

u. Defendant is a person with a disability. If you are a person who identifies as having one or more disabilities and requested a reasonable accommodation or modification from your landlord, but your landlord refused your request, or otherwise discriminated against you as a

person with a disability. See <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/fact-sheet-disability-based-housing-discrimination> for more information. See *Attachment 3w. – Defense 3u*.

- v. Other defenses and objections.** You can check this box if you have other defenses that are not already included on the *Answer*. You must provide details to the court by filling out box 3w or by attaching additional information. *Attachment 3w – Defense 3v* lists other common defenses and objections.

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Now, check all the defenses listed in the *Complaint* and on *Attachment 3w* that you think apply to you.

w. Facts supporting defenses and objections

You need to write the facts that support the boxes for items 3a – 3v that you checked. You need to identify the facts for each item by its letter. You can do this by going through *Attachment 3w* and checking all sections that apply to your case.

v. ☐ Other defenses and objections are stated in item 3w.

w. (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 3w.

Use *Attachment 3w* to provide more details or information to the Court about any of the Defenses or Objections you checked above.

Only fill out the pages of *Attachment 3w* that match the boxes you checked. You only need to attach those pages to your *Answer*.

You only need to attach the *Attachment 3w* pages that you use. For example, if you only checked box 3e because your landlord retaliated against you, you can use *Attachment 3w – D* to write in any facts you want to tell the Court. Make sure you then include *Attachment 3w – D* with your *Answer* when you file your paperwork with the Court.

If you use *Attachment 3w*, make sure to write in your case number for every page you use.

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	Attachment 3w D	Case Number: _____	Page _____ of _____

Note: There may be other defenses and objections under the law that are not listed here or in *Attachment 3w*. An attorney can review your paperwork and help determine if you have other defenses or objections based on the facts of your case and current law. You can contact your local bar association's lawyer referral service or the California State Bar lawyer referral service to find a private attorney to review your case.

ITEM 4 – OTHER STATEMENTS

4a. If you moved out, check this box, and write in the date that you moved out.

4. OTHER STATEMENTS

- a. ☐ Defendant vacated the premises on (date): If you already moved out, write in the date you moved out.

4b. If your rent is too high because of serious health, safety, or repair problems and you are listing those problems on *Attachment 3w*, check this box and write in: See *Attachment 3w, Defenses and Objections 3a*. If you are NOT using *Attachment 3w*, write the problems in the space in box 4b.

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
- c. ☐ Other (specify below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025):
- ☐ Other statements are on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 4c.

If you already moved out, check this box and write in the date you moved out.

Check box 4b if you believe your landlord is demanding too much rent because there are serious health, safety, and/or repair problems in your rental home.

Make sure you write in your explanation in the space below, or use *Attachment 3w* to tell the Court about the serious health, safety, and/or repair problems that should make your rent lower.

ITEM 5 – DEFENDANT REQUESTS

5d. If you have serious repair problems and you want the court to order repairs and reduced rent until repairs are made, check box 5d. If you check this box, also check box 5e, and write in: “that the court retain jurisdiction until repairs are completed.”

5e. Check this box if you want to stay in your home, **and** you would suffer a great hardship if you were forced to move, **and** you can pay all the back rent. Write in the box that you also request “Relief from forfeiture.”

5. DEFENDANT REQUESTS

- a. that plaintiff take nothing requested in the complaint.
 - b. costs incurred in this proceeding.
 - c. ☒ reasonable attorney fees. **if incurred and if entitled.**
 - 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 MC-025, titled as Attachment 5e.
- For such further and other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

If you have serious repair problems and want the court to order repairs and reduced rent until repairs are made, check box 5d.

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ITEM 6 – NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED

If you are using this *Answer* form without *Attachment 3w* or any other attachment pages, leave this blank. If you used *Attachment 3w*, then check box 6 and write in the number of pages you are attaching. **Count front and back sides as separate pages.** Only include the pages of *Attachment 3w* that you actually use. Do not attach pages that don't apply to your case. Mark the page numbers on the bottom of each page.

6. Number of pages attached: _____

If you filled out and attached any pages to your Answer, like Attachment 3w, write the number of pages you are stapling to your answer.

DO NOT include the pages of *Proof of Service* or the *Fee Waiver* and *Order* in this page count.

ITEM 7 – UNLAWFUL DETAINER ASSISTANT SECTION

- Unless an organization or person charged you money to help you with these forms, check the first box before “did not.”
- But, if some organization or person charged you money to help you with these forms, check the other box, and fill on the rest of Item 7.

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

a. Assistant's Name:

b. Telephone number:

c. Street address, city, and zip code:

d. County of registration:

e. Registration number:

f. Ex

Unless you paid someone to help you fill out these forms, check the "did not" box and leave all other boxes in section 7 blank.

SIGNING AND VERIFYING THE ANSWER (BOTTOM OF PAGE 4 OF THE ANSWER)

NOTE: All Defendants who are filing this *Answer* must print and sign their names. There are only spaces for two defendants, so if there are more than two defendants filing this *Answer*, you will have to add lines.

NOTE: Only one defendant **must** sign the “Verification” section of the *Answer*. **But it is safest if all defendants filing their *Answer* together each print their names and sign the Verification section as well.**

(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)

ALL DEFENDANTS must print and sign their names on these lines. If more than 2 people need to sign the Answer, you may draw in extra name and signature lines.

(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: Do not forget to date your Answer.

Only one defendant must print and sign their name on these lines. It is best if all defendants print and sign this section.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)

INSTRUCTIONS: PROOF OF SERVICE (POS-030)

IMPORTANT!!

You must have a helper, like a friend or relative, who is older than 18 and *not* living with you, fill out this form on your behalf.

They must sign this form and complete the mailing for you.

Your helper should fill out the numbered parts of the blank *Proof of Service* form clipped to this packet by:

- Following the instructions below and
- Using the pictures of the forms with notes on them as a guide

Have the person helping you put a copy of the *Answer* and *Attachment 3w* or any other attachments (if used) copies in an envelope. On the envelope, your helper must write the name and address of the landlord or landlord's attorney if one is listed on the Summons. If no attorney is named, your helper must write the name and address of your landlord's attorney (or your landlord if they do not have an attorney) as listed on the Summons.

Your helper should copy the name and address from the Summons onto the envelope. Be sure your helper uses the correct amount of postage.

Your helper should NOT serve the Fee Waiver or Order on Fee Waiver.

Pay special attention to

Item 4. If your helper takes the envelope to the post office for mailing and gives it to a mail clerk, check box 4a.

If the envelope is left anywhere else for pickup, check box 4b. **MAKE SURE THE MAIL IS PICKED UP THE SAME DAY.**

Item 5. Your helper must write in the name (5a.) and address (5b.) of your landlord's attorney (or your landlord if they do not have an attorney), as written on the *Summons* in the section labeled "The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney or plaintiff without an attorney is:". The bottom of page 4 has a picture of where your helper can find your landlord's attorney's name.

This should be the same name and address your helper puts on the envelope. (See also the section “Checklist: What Do I Do with My Papers After I Fill Them Out?” in this packet.)

1. 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.

2. My residence or business address is:

Write in the complete mailing address, including city, state, and zip code of the person who "served" your Answer on your landlord or landlord's attorney.

3. On (date): Date mailed I mailed from (city and state): Write in the city and state where the Answer and attachments were mailed from.

Write the name of the documents being served:
Answer - Unlawful Detainer (UD-105)

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

4. I served the documents by enclosing them in an envelope and (check one):

- a. ☐ **depositing** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.
- b. ☐ **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.

If the person who serves your landlord or landlord's attorney takes the envelope to the post office and gives it to a clerk, check box 4a.

5. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:

- a. **Name** of person served: Write in the name of your landlord's attorney, or landlord if they do not have an attorney.
- b. **Address** of person served:

Write in the address as written on the Summons in the section labeled:
"The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney or plaintiff without an attorney is:"
This should be the same name and address that is put on the envelope.

If the person who serves your landlord or landlord's attorney leaves the envelope for pickup anywhere, check box 4b. Make sure the mail is picked up the SAME DAY.

☐ 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: Write in the date this form is signed.

Write in the name of the person mailing the Answer.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

The person mailing the Answer must sign here.

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

Form Approved for Optional Use
Judicial Council of California
POS-030 [New January 1, 2005]

PROOF OF SERVICE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL—CIVIL
(Proof of Service)

Code of Civil Procedure, §§ 1013, 1013a
www.courtinfo.ca.gov

At the bottom of the form, the person mailing the Answer should put the date they signed the form, print their name, and then sign the form.

Now you are finished filling out all the papers. Go to the section “[Checklist – What Do I Do with My Papers After I Fill Them Out](#)” in this packet.

CHECKLIST: WHAT DO I DO WITH MY PAPERS AFTER I FILL THEM OUT?

DOUBLE CHECK:

- Did you **TYPE** or **PRINT** all the forms neatly with **BLACK** or **BLUE INK**?
- Have you checked the right boxes, and **SIGNED YOUR NAME** in the proper blanks?
- Is there a **CASE NUMBER** filled in on each form?
- Make sure you have a friend or relative who is **over 18 and NOT LIVING WITH YOU** mail a copy of the completed *Answer – Unlawful Detainer* to your landlord or landlord's attorney. Make sure this same person fills out and signs the *Proof of Service* form.

1. Make copies of all the originals (the papers you filled out and signed). How many copies? See below.

_____ *Answer – Unlawful Detainer* (UD-105) and (optional) *Attachment 3w* or other attachment pages: **Make 2 copies**

_____ *Proof of Service* (POS-030): **Make 1 copy**

_____ *Request to Waive Court Fees* (FW-001): **Make 1 copy**

_____ *Order on Court Fee Waiver* (FW-003): **Make 1 copy**

2. Forms that must be mailed to your landlord or landlord's attorney:

_____ **1 COPY** of *Answer – Unlawful Detainer* and any attachments you attached to your *Answer*

3. Forms you must file with the court:

_____ **Original** *Answer* and *Attachments* + **1 copy**

_____ **Original** *Proof of Service* + **1 copy**

_____ **Original** *Fee Waiver* + **1 copy**

_____ **Original** *Order on Fee Waiver* + **1 copy**

- File the *Fee Waiver* forms first.
- The court clerk will stamp the originals and the copies. The clerk keeps the originals and gives you back the stamped copies of the *Answer* (with any attachments), *Proof of Service*, and *Fee Waiver* forms. Keep the stamped copies for your records.
- Call the court clerk the day after you file to make sure your *Answer*, *Proof of Service*, and *Fee Waiver Forms* were received and processed by the court.

BLANK FORMS

If you have a paper copy of the instruction packets, blank forms are attached.

If you are viewing these instructions online, keep scrolling to print the blank forms or you can fill them out online. You can also [click here](#) to open the blank forms in a new window or tab.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): In Pro Per	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 and of the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101).

b. ☐ **Specific Denials** (Check this box and complete (1) and (2) below if complaint demands more than \$1,000.)
 Defendant admits that all of the statements of the complaint and of the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are true EXCEPT:

(1) **Denial of Allegations in Complaint (Form UD-100 or Other Complaint for Unlawful Detainer)**

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

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

(b) 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(1)(b).

(2) **Denial of Allegations in Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer (form UD-101)**

(a) ☐ Defendant did not receive plaintiff's *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* (form UD-101). (If not checked, complete (b) and (c), as appropriate.)

(b) ☐ Defendant claims the statements in the **Verification required for issuance of summons—residential**, item 3 of plaintiff's *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations* (form UD-101), are false.

(c) Defendant claims the following statements on the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are false (state paragraph numbers from form UD-101 or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025): ☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2)(c).

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2. b. (2) (d) Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements on the *Mandatory Cover Sheet and Supplemental Allegations—Unlawful Detainer* (form UD-101) are true, so defendant denies them (*state paragraph numbers from form UD-101 or explain below or, if more room needed, on form MC-025*):
- ☐ Explanation is on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2)(d).
3. **DEFENSES AND OBJECTIONS** (NOTE: For each box checked, you must state brief facts to support it in item 3w (on page 4) or, if more room is needed, on form MC-025. You can learn more about defenses and objections at www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-eviction.htm)
- 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. ☐ Plaintiff waived, changed, or canceled the notice to quit.
- e. ☐ Plaintiff served defendant with the notice to quit or filed the complaint to retaliate against defendant.
- f. ☐ 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.
- g. ☐ 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 3w the facts showing violation of the ordinance.)
- h. ☐ 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 3w 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.
- i. ☐ Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date the notice to quit expired.
- j. ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on an act against defendant or a member of defendant's household that constitutes domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder or a dependent adult. (This defense requires one of the following: (1) a temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report that is not more than 180 days old; OR (2) a signed statement from a qualified third party (e.g., a doctor, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, human trafficking caseworker, or psychologist) concerning the injuries or abuse resulting from these acts.)
- k. ☐ 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.
- l. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is in retaliation for nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, even though alleged to be based on other reasons. (Civ. Code, § 1942.5(d); Gov. Code, § 12955.)
- m. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, and (check all that apply):
- (1) ☐ Plaintiff did not serve the general notice or notices of rights under the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act as required by Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.04.
- (2) ☐ Plaintiff did not serve the required 15-day notice. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(b) or (c).)

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3. m. (3) ☐ Plaintiff did not provide an unsigned declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress with the 15-day notice. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(d).)
- (4) ☐ Plaintiff did not provide an unsigned declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress in the language in which the landlord was required to provide a translation of the rental agreement. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(d).)
- (5) ☐ Plaintiff identified defendant as a “high-income tenant” in the 15-day notice, but plaintiff did not possess proof at the time the notice was served establishing that defendant met the definition of high-income tenant. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.02.5(b).)
- (6) ☐ Defendant delivered to plaintiff one or more declarations of COVID-19–related financial distress and, if required as a “high-income tenant,” documentation in support. (Code Civ. Proc., §§ 1179.03(f) and 1179.02.5.)
(Describe when and how delivered and check all other items below that apply):
- (a) ☐ Plaintiff's demand for payment includes late fees on rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021.
- (b) ☐ Plaintiff's demand for payment includes fees for services that were increased or not previously charged.
- (c) ☐ Defendant, on or before September 30, 2021, paid or offered plaintiff payment of at least 25% of the total rental payments that were due between September 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, and that were demanded in the termination notices for which defendant delivered the declarations described in (a). (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(g)(2).)
- (7) ☐ Defendant is currently filing or has already filed a declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress with the court. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(h).)
- n. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between October 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, and *(check all that apply)*:
- (1) ☐ Plaintiff's notice to quit was served before April 1, 2022, and
- (a) ☐ Did not contain the required contact information for the pertinent governmental rental assistance program, or the other content required by Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.10(a).
- (b) ☐ Did not include a translation of the statutorily required notice. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.10(a)(2) and Civ. Code, § 1632.)
- (2) ☐ Plaintiff's notice to quit was served between April 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022, and did not contain the required information about the government rental assistance program and possible protections, as required by Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.10(b).
- o. ☐ For a tenancy initially established before October 1, 2021, plaintiff's demand for possession of a residential property is based on nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations due between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022, **and** *(check all that apply)*:
- (1) ☐ Plaintiff did not complete an application for rental assistance to cover the rental debt demanded in the complaint before filing the complaint in this action.
- (2) ☐ Plaintiff's application for rental assistance was not denied.
- (3) ☐ Plaintiff's application for rental assistance was denied for a reason that does not support issuance of a summons or judgment in an unlawful detainer action *(check all that apply)*:
- (a) ☐ Plaintiff did not fully or properly complete plaintiff's portion of the application. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.09(d)(2)(A).)
- (b) ☐ Plaintiff did not apply to the correct rental assistance program. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.09(d)(2)(C).)
- (4) ☐ An application for rental assistance was filed before April 1, 2022, and the determination is still pending.
- (5) ☐ Rental assistance has been approved and tenant is separately filing an application to prevent forfeiture (form UD-125).
- p. ☐ 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).)

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3. p. (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).)
- q. ☐ Plaintiff violated the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.01 et seq.) or a local COVID-19-related ordinance regarding evictions in some other way (*briefly state facts describing this in item 3w*).
- r. ☐ 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;
 - is participating in the rural housing voucher program under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949; or
 - has a federally backed mortgage loan or a federally backed multifamily mortgage loan.)
- s. ☐ 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.
- t. ☐ Plaintiff refused to accept payment from a third party for rent due. (Civ. Code, § 1947.3; Gov. Code, § 12955.)
- u. ☐ Defendant has a disability and plaintiff refused to provide a reasonable accommodation that was requested. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 12176(c).)
- v. ☐ Other defenses and objections are stated in item 3w.
- w. (*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 3w.

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.

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5. e. ☒ Other (specify below or on form MC-025):
☐ All other requests are stated on form MC-025, titled as Attachment 5e.
For such further and other relief as this Court deems just and proper.




6. Number of pages attached: _____

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.)

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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)
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____ In Pro Per	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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