

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITION OF (name):	
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME, RECOGNITION OF CHANGE OF GENDER, AND ISSUANCE OF NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE	CASE NUMBER:

Before you complete this petition, you should read the *Instructions for Filing* on the next page. You must answer all questions and check all boxes that apply to you on this petition. You must file this petition in the superior court of the county where the person whose name is to be changed resides.

1. Petitioner (*present name*): _____ is 18 years old or older and a resident of this county.

2. Petitioner requests that the court decree that petitioner s name is changed, in order to conform to petitioner's gender identity, to (*proposed name*): _____

3. Petitioner requests a decree recognizing that the petitioner s gender is changed to:
 - a. female.
 - b. male.
 - c. nonbinary.

4. Petitioner requests that the court order that a new birth certificate be issued reflecting the gender and name changes sought by this petition.

5. Petitioner requests that the court issue an order directing any interested persons to file written objections to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

6. Petitioner provides the following information in support of this petition:
 - a. The declaration below.
 - b-f. The information contained in the attachment (*attach a completed copy of the attachment Name and Information About the Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed (form NC-110)*).

DECLARATION

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

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER)

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

(Instructions on next page)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND GENDER

1. **Where to File**

The petition for change of name and gender must be filed in the superior court in the county where the petitioner is a resident.

2. **Whose Name May Be Changed**

The petition may be used to change your name and to obtain a court order recognizing a change of gender and for issuance of a new birth certificate, if you are 18 or older. (Minors must use form NC-500.) If you were born in California, you may file the order with the State Registrar and obtain a new birth certificate.

3. **What Forms Are Required**

You need an original and two copies of each of the following documents:

- a. *Petition for Change of Name, Recognition of Change of Gender, and Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-200)
- b. *Name and Information About the Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed (Attachment to Petition)* (form NC-110)
- c. *Order to Show Cause for Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-125/NC-225)
- d. *Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender Identity and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate* (form NC-230)
- e. *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

4. **Filing and Filing Fee**

Prepare an original *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010). File the original petition and *Civil Case Cover Sheet* with the clerk of the court and obtain two filed-endorsed copies of the petition. A filing fee will be charged unless you qualify for a fee waiver. (If you want to apply for a fee waiver, see *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001 INFO).)

5. **Filing the Order to Show Cause**

Ask the court clerk to obtain a judge's signature on the *Order to Show Cause*, then file the original order in the clerk's office and obtain filed-endorsed copies of the order.

6. **Domestic Violence Confidentiality Program**

In cases where the petitioner is a participant in the state address confidentiality program (Safe at Home), the petition, the order to show cause, and the decree should, instead of giving the proposed name, indicate that the name is confidential and on file with the Secretary of State. See *Information Sheet for Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400-INFO).

7. **Court Hearing**

If no objections are filed, the court will grant the petition without a hearing. A hearing date will be set if timely objections have been filed. If there is a hearing, you will be sent a notice by the court. You may also check with the court after the deadline to see if a hearing date has been set. Bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the judge grants the name and gender change petition, the judge will sign the original decree.

8. **Birth Certificate**

If you were born in California, to obtain a new birth certificate reflecting the change of gender, file a certified copy of the order within 30 days with the Secretary of State and the State Registrar and pay the applicable fees. You may write or contact the State Registrar at:

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

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

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