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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE

<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride FIRST PERSON DATA	1A. FIRST NAME	1B. MIDDLE				
	1C. CURRENT LAST		1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)			
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)	
	6. ADDRESS		7. CITY	8. STATE/COUNTRY	9. ZIP CODE	
	10A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT			10B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT			11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	12A. FIRST NAME		12B. MIDDLE			
	12C. CURRENT LAST		12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride SECOND PERSON DATA	13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)	
	17. ADDRESS		18. CITY	19. STATE/COUNTRY	20. ZIP CODE	
	21A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT			21B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	22A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT			22B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.					
	23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D ►			24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D ►		
	NEW NAMES (IF ANY)	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)				
		30A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 1A	30B. MIDDLE	30C. LAST		
NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)						
31A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 12A		31B. MIDDLE	31C. LAST			

Date of Marriage _____

Telephone number _____

The person performing this marriage ceremony is (check one):

- Clergy person (minister, priest, rabbi, etc.)
- Judge
- Commissioner or Deputy commissioner of civil marriages
- Other (specify) _____

Note: A marriage license must be issued under the **party's legal name** (birth name, adopted name, court order name change, reinstated name after a divorce, previous married name, or naturalized name)

Names may not be amended after the license is issued and will require a court order to correct either party's name.

We the undersigned declare that all the information above is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We also declare that we have read and understood the information on the reverse side of this form.

First Person Signature _____

Second Person Signature _____

The Name Equality Act of 2007

The Name Equality Act of 2007 (Chapter 567, Statutes of 2007 (AB 102) became effective January 1, 2009, and was amended (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2009 (AB 1143) effective January 1, 2010.

Family Code Section 306.5 provides that at the time the application for a marriage license, one or both parties to the marriage may elect to change the middle or last names, or both, by which that party wishes to be known after solemnization of the marriage by entering that information on the marriage license application.

A person may adopt any of the following **middle names**:

- ◊ The current last name of either spouse
- ◊ The last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◊ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse.
- ◊ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the last name given at birth of the person or spouse

A person may adopt any of the following **last names**:

- ◊ The current last name of the other spouse
- ◊ The last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◊ A name combining into a single last name all or a *segment of the current last name or the last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◊ A hyphenated combination of last names

*A segment is a contiguous portion of the name/ it is an identifiable match of a portion of the current last name or the last name given at birth of either spouse (Fields 1C, 1D, 12C, 12D). The segment may not omit or add new letters and the letters may not be changed around to create an entirely different segment that does not match a portion of the current last name or the last name given at birth of either spouse.

Hyphenated middle and/or last names **may or may not** include an actual hyphen (-) between the names. This should be decided by the party wishing to hyphenate their name.

NOTE: You may **not** change your **first name** using this process. **IMPORTANT:** You **may not** amend the marriage license **after it has been issued** to add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk.

You are not required to change your name, nor are parties required to have the same name.

If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license will be completed with two single dashes. You may not change the information on the marriage license after it has been issued by the County Clerk.

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different rules and/or regulations regarding what documents are acceptable to change your name on their records following marriage. It is recommended that you contact these agencies to verify their requirements **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

It is unlawful for our employees to answer questions of a legal nature. County Clerk staff cannot advise you how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to your entry of a new name or retention of your former name on the marriage license application. For your protection, if you have **any** questions regarding whether you should or should not list your new name on the marriage license application, and/or how the Name Equality Act of 2007 may affect you, please consult an attorney **prior to applying for your marriage license**.