

Understanding the Name Change Process in Sacramento

In Sacramento, to petition the court to change a name of an adult or to change the name of a minor; download the instructional packet, including forms, from the Sacramento Superior Courts website: General Name Change Packet (CV-142n) <a href="https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil/filing-instructions.aspx#name-change).

This *Understanding the Name Change Process in Sacramento* guide includes answers to commonly asked questions and sample filled out forms.

Templates and Forms

The Sacramento County court recommends using the <u>LawHelp Interactive Form Filler online</u> (https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/6957/engine) to complete the forms.

Individual forms:

Adult or Minor Name Change

- NC-100 Petition for Change of Name (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/nc100.pdf)
- NC-110 Attachment (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/nc110.pdf)
- NC-120 Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/nc120.pdf)
- NC-130 Decree Changing Name (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/nc130.pdf)
- For changing name of minor when one parent cannot be located:
 <u>Declaration of Diligent Search and Request to Dispense with Notice re Petition for Change of Name</u>

 (CV/E-208) (https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-208.pdf)

Fee Waiver (if requested)

• FW-001 Request to Waive Court Fees (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/fw001.pdf)

STOP! If you are changing your NAME AND GENDER, the process is different, and this guide will not work for you. Ask the Reference Librarian for more information.

Common Questions

If you are restoring your name after dissolution of marriage, you can ask the family court to restore your former name.

"Ex Parte Application for Restoration of Former Name after Entry of Judgment and Order"

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Restoring Former Name Packet (https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/family/docs/fl-former-name-restoration-after-judgment-packet.pdf)

If changing the name of a minor over the age of 12, it is recommended that the minor write a declaration agreeing to the name change.

• Declaration of Minor (MC-030) (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/mc030.pdf)

If the other parent cannot be served because their location is unknown, the petitioning parent must submit a declaration detailing all attempts made to locate the other parent.

 Declaration of Diligent Search and Request to Dispense with Notice re Petition for Change of Name (CV/E-208) (https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-208.pdf)

Once the name change is granted, in order to amend a California birth certificate, you will need to contact the California Office of Vital Records. (http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records.aspx)

Giving a child a different name from the father's or otherwise changing the child's name does not affect the parent-child relationship or the legally recognized identity of the parents.

• Information on Parentage (http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-parentage.htm)



Changing Your Name in Government and Business Records

Once your name change is granted, you will need to contact agencies to alert them of your new name. Here are some common documents that will need to be updated:

Public Records	Private Records		
Social Security Card	Employer's Records		
Driver's License or California ID card	Bank Accounts		
Passport	Credit Cards and Credit Reporting Agencies		
Tax Records	Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, and IRAs		
Voter Registration	Vehicle Registrations		
State Licensing Boards	Deeds to Real Estate and Mortgages		
Public Assistance	Wills, Insurance		
Veterans Administration	Medical & School Records		
Birth Certificates and Attachments	Utilities		

For Help

SH@LL (Self-Help at the Law Library) (https://saclaw.org/services/civil-self-help/) (formerly Civil Self Help Center) 609 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814 (916) 476-2731 (Appointment Request Line)

Services Provided: SH@LL provides general information and basic assistance to self-represented litigants on a variety of civil legal issues, including name changes. All assistance is provided by telephone. Visit "What we can help with (https://saclaw.org/services/civil-self-help/#canhelp)" for a list of qualifying cases.

Eligibility: Must be a Sacramento County resident or have a <u>qualifying case (https://saclaw.org/services/civil-self-help/#who)</u> in the Sacramento County Superior Court.

Civil Self-Help Services (SHS)

Sacramento County Superior Court Hall of Justice 813 Sixth St., Sacramento CA 95814 916-874-1421

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For More Information

On the Web

SH@LL Name Change Workshop Video (https://www.saclaw.org/video-library/name-change-workshop/)

This video from SH@LL (when it was called the Civil Self-Help Center) walks viewers through all the paperwork necessary to petition the court for a name change.

California Courts Self-Help Website: "Name Change" (http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-namechange.htm)

This website explains the name change process, and provides links to all the forms.

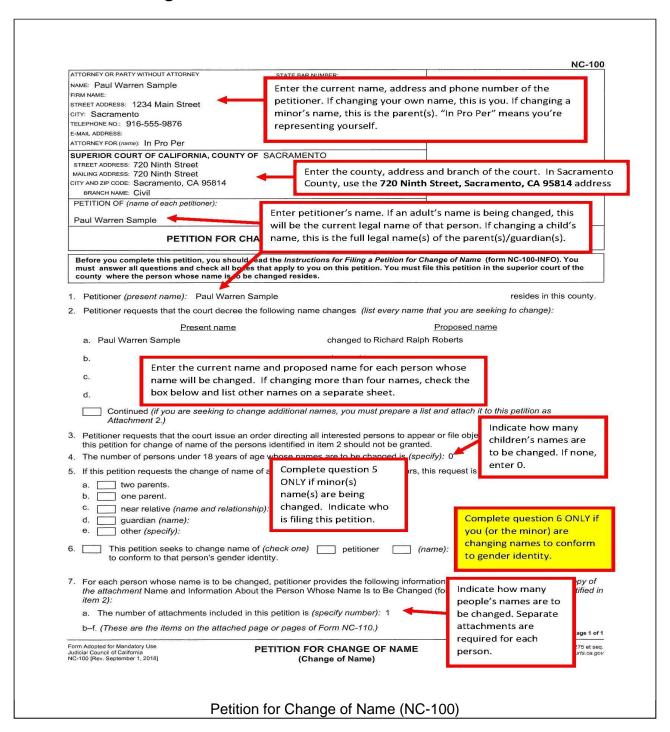
At the Law Library

How to Change Your Name in California KFC 109 .L6 (https://catalog.saclaw.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=2461) (Self-Help)

Electronic Access: From any computer (library or home) via the Legal Information Reference Center. Instructions are available on our website at Nolo Ebooks (https://saclaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Updated-Nolo-instructions2025.pdf) .

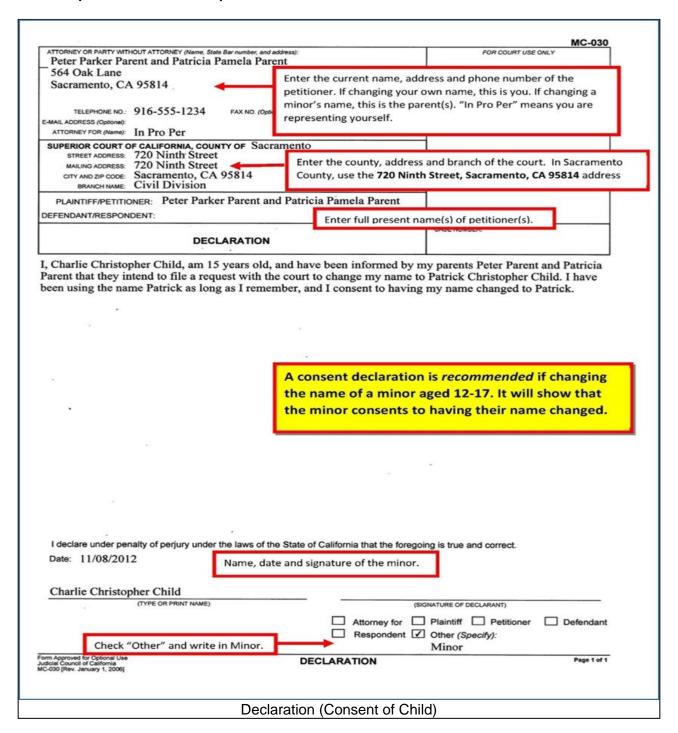
Samples

Petition for Name Change

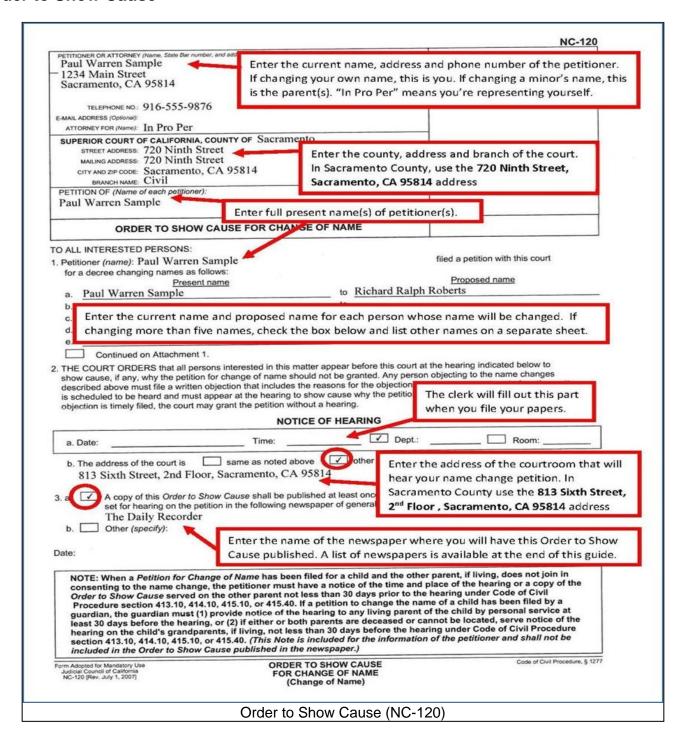


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and presently under (4) Born at (place of birth): Sac	
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(3) guardian	
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(2) Parent (name):(3) (Only if neither parent is living)	a parent's address is unknown, or if the parent is deceased,
	write that in the space for that parent's address.
f. If the person whose name will be	changed is 18 years of age or older, that person must sign the following declaration:
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Paul Warren Sample)
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Declaration (Consent of Child)



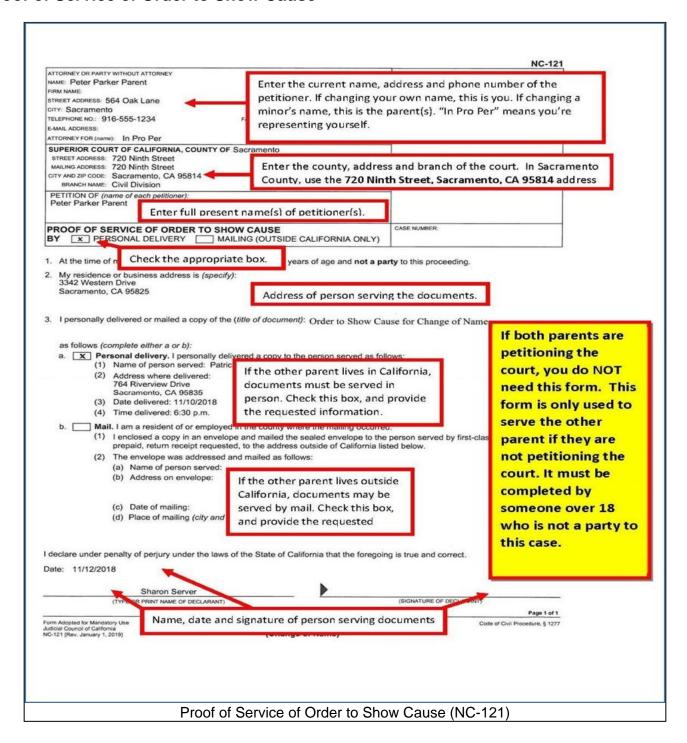
Order to Show Cause



Decree Changing Name

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RM NAME:	petitioner. If changing your	own name, this is you. If chan	ging a		
TREET ADDRESS: 1234 Main Street	minor's name, this is the narrent(s) "In Pro Per" moar				
ELEPHONE NO.: 916-555-9876	representing yourself.				
-MAIL ADDRESS:					
ATTORNEY FOR (name): In Pro Per					
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY	F SACRAMENTO				
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MAILING ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814	← Sacramento	County, use the 720 Ninth St	reet, Sacramento,		
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Proof of Service of Order to Show Cause



Declaration of Diligent Search

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Peter Parker Parent 564 Oak Lane Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO.: 916-555-12 E-MAIL (Optional): In P. SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFO Street Address: 720 9th Street	ro Per	oni cha file oth	is Declaration is used by when a petition to ange a minor's name is ed by one parent, and th her parent cannot be lated.
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Name and Title Jane Simms, Co-owner	Business Name, Address and Telephone Number C&C Pharmacy, 983 Genoa Dr., 916-555-3791 Dates of Employment 11/2009-7/2016
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Newspapers

NEWSPAPER NAME	ADDRESS	WEBSITE	PHONE	FAX	FILE DEADLINE DATE	PUBLICATION FEE	FILE PROOF
Carmichael Times	7144 Fair Oaks Blvd., #5 Carmichael, CA 95608	www.mpg8.com Pay Online at: www.mpg8.com Email: legals@mpg8.com	916-773-1111	916-773-2999	Friday 5:00 PM for publication on following Friday	\$35.00	YES. They will send proo of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
Elk Grove Citizen	8970 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624	www.egcitizen.com	916-685-5533	209-745-4492	Noon on Monday for Wednesday publication. Noon on Wednesday for Friday publication	\$40.00	NO. They will mail proof of publication to client prior to the hearing. Clien must be responsible and file proof of publication with the court.
Folsom Telegraph	921 Sutter St Folsom, CA 95630	www.folsomtelegraph.com	916-985-2581	916-985-0720	Thursday 12:00 PM for the following Wednesday	\$175.00	YES. They will send proc of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
Galt Herald	P.O. Box 307, 604 Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632	www.galtheraldonline.com	209-745-1551	209-745-4492	Tuesday 12:00 PM	\$40.00	NO. Client must pick their proof and file it with the court prior to hearing date.
Rio Linda Elverta News and Printing	6808 Front Street Rio Linda, CA 95673	www.obri.net/rlenews	916-991-3000	N/A	Monday 5:00 PM for Friday publication	\$40.00 1st name, \$5.00 each additional name	NO. They will mail proof of publication to client prior to the hearing. Clien must be responsible and file proof of publication with the court.
Sacramento Bee Newspaper	2100 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 Mailing: P.O. Box 151779, Sacramento, CA 95852	www.sacbee.com	916-321-1371	916-321-1110	Wednesday for Friday publication	\$375 - \$400	YES. They will send proc of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
Spectrum Newspaper	530 Bercut Drive, Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95814	N/A	916-445-6825	916-443-5871	Thursday 9:00 AM for Tuesday publication	\$50.00	YES. They will send proc of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
The Daily Recorder	901 H Street, Room 312, Sacramento, CA 95814	N/A	916-444-2355 X 102	N/A	Two business days prior to publication	\$35.00	YES. They will send pro- of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
The Sacramento Bulletin	530 Bercut Drive, Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95814	N/A	916-445-6825	916-443-5871	Two business days prior to publication	\$50.00	YES. They will send proc of publication directly to court prior to the hearing
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