



- Petition for Change of Name
- Petition for Change of Name, Recognition of Change of Gender, and issuance of New Birth Certificate
- Petition for Recognition of Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate
- Petition for Recognition of Minor's Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate

COURTHOUSE LOCATIONS & INFORMATION

The courthouses listed below accept filings from residents within that district. Filing location information may be found [here](#)

ANTELOPE VALLEY (Lancaster)

42011 4th Street West
1st Floor
Lancaster, CA 93534

CHATSWORTH

9425 Penfield Ave.
Room 1200
Chatsworth, CA 91311

GLENDALE

600 East Broadway
Room 279
Glendale, CA 91206

LOS ANGELES

111 N. Hill Street
Room 118
Los Angeles, CA 90012

POMONA SOUTH

400 Civic Center Plaza
Room 101
Pomona, CA 91766

TORRANCE

825 Maple Ave.
Room 100
Torrance, CA 90503

BURBANK

300 East Olive Ave.
Room 225
Burbank, CA 91502

COMPTON

200 West Compton Blvd.
Room 902
Compton, CA 90220

LONG BEACH

275 Magnolia Ave.
1st Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

NORWALK

12720 Norwalk Blvd.
Room 101
Norwalk, CA 90650

SANTA MONICA

1725 Main Street
Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

VAN NUYS EAST

6230 Sylmar Ave.
Room 107
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Information Sheet

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In preparing a petition, please consider the following:

The [petition forms](#) are available on the Judicial Council of California's website. Each petition type requires multiple forms and has specific instructions. Persons completing these forms are encouraged to pay close attention to the information requested. As part of the petition, please also submit the corresponding (*with the case caption information completed*) decree or order.

One petition may be used to request name changes for multiple immediate family members (i.e., parents and minor children). The full names of each petitioner must be included in the caption and body of the petition. Initials are permitted when it is stated that such initials represent the actual name.

Please also complete the following [additional forms for Los Angeles County](#) for petitions submitted for filing:

Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location (LACIV 109)
Name Change Criminal History Assessment (LACIV 226)

The petitioner's age and date of birth must be stated. Adults must be at least 18 years of age. If the petitioner is under 18 years of age, the petition may be made by a parent, near relative, guardian, or as otherwise specified.

A completed original proof of service **when required** should be filed with the court at least one week prior to the hearing. **When required**, publish in a local newspaper of general circulation (*those newspapers legally qualified to publish orders and notices*). Allow sufficient time for the newspaper to file a Proof of Publication with the court at least one week before the hearing.

Approximately one week after the hearing a certified copy of the decree/order issued by the court may be purchased. The request may be made in person or by mail by contacting the clerk's office.

Additional information is available at the [California Courts Self-Help Center](#) and [Self Help Resources at the Los Angeles Superior Court](#).