

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS ( Check box if you are representing yourself ) DEFENDANTS ( Check box if you are representing yourself )
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant)
1. U.S. Government Plaintiff 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) Citizen of This State PTF DEF 1 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State PTF DEF 4 4
2. U.S. Government Defendant 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) Citizen of Another State PTF DEF 2 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State PTF DEF 5 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country PTF DEF 3 3 Foreign Nation PTF DEF 6 6

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)
1. Original Proceeding 2. Removed from State Court 3. Remanded from Appellate Court 4. Reinstated or Reopened 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify) 6. Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer 8. Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: Yes No MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

Table with 6 columns: OTHER STATUTES, CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY CONT., IMMIGRATION, PRISONER PETITIONS, PROPERTY RIGHTS. Includes sub-sections like TORTS, PERSONAL INJURY, BANKRUPTCY, CIVIL RIGHTS, LABOR, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS.

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**VIII. VENUE:** Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

<p><b>QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "no," skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p>	<p align="center">STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	<p align="center">INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:</p> <p align="center">Western Southern Eastern</p>
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<p><b>QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "no," skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.</p>	<p><b>B.1.</b> Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> →</p> <p><b>B.2.</b> Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> →</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question B.2.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p>
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<p><b>QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "no," skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.</p>	<p><b>C.1.</b> Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> →</p> <p><b>C.2.</b> Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> →</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question C.2.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.</p>
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<b>QUESTION D: Location of plaintiffs and defendants?</b>	<b>A.</b> Orange County	<b>B.</b> Riverside or San Bernardino County	<b>C.</b> Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>plaintiffs who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>defendants who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>D.1. Is there at least one answer in Column A?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION.          Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.          If "no," go to question D2 to the right. →</p>	<p><b>D.2. Is there at least one answer in Column B?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION.          Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below.          If "no," your case will be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION.          Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below. ↓</p>
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<b>QUESTION E: Initial Division?</b>	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, C, or D above: →	

**QUESTION F: Northern Counties?**

Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendants in this district reside in Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo counties?  Yes  No

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**IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court?  NO  YES

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**IX(b). RELATED CASES:** Is this case related (as defined below) to any civil or criminal case(s) previously filed in this court?  NO  YES

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil cases** are related when they (check all that apply):

- A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Note: That cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases related.

**A civil forfeiture case and a criminal case** are related when they (check all that apply):

- A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. Involve one or more defendants from the criminal case in common and would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT):** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to Counsel/Parties:** The submission of this Civil Cover Sheet is required by Local Rule 3-1. This Form CV-71 and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. For more detailed instructions, see separate instruction sheet (CV-071A).

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))