

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ between
(Day) (Month) (Year)

(Name of Owner/Agent) "Owner/Agent", whose address and phone
number are _____,
(Address and Telephone of Owner/Agent)
and _____ "Resident."

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. RENTAL UNIT:** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Owner rents to Resident and Resident rents from Owner, for residential use only,
the premises located at: _____, Unit # (if applicable) _____,
(Street Address)
_____, CA, _____
(City) (Zip)
- 2. RENT:** Rent is due in advance on the _____ day of each and every month, at \$ _____ per month, beginning on _____, payable at _____. Payments made in person may be
(Date) (Address where payments should be delivered)
delivered to Owner/Agent between the hours of _____ and _____ on the following days of the week:
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
 Other _____

Acceptable methods of payment:

Personal Check Cashier's Check Money Order EFT/Credit (see Owner/Agent for details) and Cash

If rent is paid after the _____ of the month, there will be a late charge of \$ _____ assessed. The parties agree that this late fee is presumed to be the amount of damage sustained by late payment of rent. It would be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the actual damage. This sum represents a reasonable endeavor by the Owner/Agent to estimate fair average compensation for any loss that may be sustained as a result of late payment of rent. Pursuant to California law, if Resident passes a check on insufficient funds, Resident will be liable to Owner/Agent for the amount of the check and a service charge of \$ _____, not to exceed \$25 for the first check passed on insufficient funds, and \$35 for each subsequent check passed on insufficient funds. The Owner/Agent may refuse a personal check as the form of rent payment to cure a Three-Day Notice to Pay Rent or Quit.

- 3. SECURITY DEPOSIT:** Resident shall deposit with Owner/Agent, as a security deposit, the sum of \$ _____
 prior to taking possession of the unit **or** no later than _____ (check one).

Resident shall not use the security deposit to pay any month's rent. Owner/Agent may withhold from the security deposit only such amounts as are reasonably necessary to remedy Resident defaults including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) defaults in the payment of rent,
 - (b) to repair damages to the premises caused by Resident, exclusive of ordinary wear and tear, and/or
 - (c) to clean the premises, if necessary, upon termination of the tenancy in order to return the unit to the same level of cleanliness it was in at the inception of the tenancy, and/or
 - (d) to restore, replace, or return personal property or appurtenances, exclusive of ordinary wear and tear.
- No later than 21 calendar days after Owner/Agent has regained possession of the premises, Owner/Agent shall return any remaining portion of such security deposit to Resident.

- 4. TERM:** The term of this Agreement is for _____, beginning on _____ and ending on _____, at which time this
(Term) (Date) (Date)

Lease shall terminate without further notice. Any holding over thereafter shall result in Resident being liable to Owner/Agent for daily rental damages equal to the current market value of the unit, divided by 30. A "month-to-month" tenancy subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement shall be created only if Owner/Agent accepts rent from Resident thereafter, and if so accepted, tenancy may be terminated by Resident after service upon the Owner/Agent of a written 30-day Notice of Termination. Except as prohibited by law, that month-to-month tenancy may be terminated by the Owner/Agent by service upon the Resident of a written 60-day notice of termination of tenancy. However, Civil Code Section 1946.1 provides that "if any tenant or resident has resided in the dwelling for less than one year", the Owner/Agent may terminate the tenancy by service upon the Resident of a written 30-day notice.



5. **UTILITIES:** Resident shall pay for all utilities, services and charges, if any, made payable by or predicated upon occupancy of Resident, **except:** _____. Resident shall have the following utilities connected at all times during the tenancy (check as applicable): Gas Electric Water Trash Sewer Other: _____. Disconnection of utilities due to non-payment is a material violation of this Agreement.
6. **CASH PAYMENT:** The Owner/Agent may demand or require cash as the exclusive form of payment of rent or deposit of security if the tenant has previously attempted to pay the Owner/Agent with a check drawn on insufficient funds or the tenant has instructed the drawee to stop payment on a check, draft, or order for the payment of money. If the Owner/Agent chooses to demand or require cash payment under these circumstances, the Owner/Agent shall give the Resident a written notice stating that the payment instrument was dishonored and informing the Resident that the Resident shall pay in cash for a period determined by Owner/Agent, not to exceed three months, and attach a copy of the dishonored instrument to the notice.
7. **OCCUPANTS:** Premises shall be occupied only by the following named person(s):
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| Name | Birthdate | Name | Birthdate |
| Name | Birthdate | Name | Birthdate |
8. **PROHIBITIONS:** Without Owner/Agent's prior written permission as an addendum to this Agreement, no pets, no waterbeds or _____ shall be kept or allowed in or about the premises.
9. **QUIET ENJOYMENT:** Resident shall not violate any criminal or civil law, ordinance or statute in the use and occupancy of the premises, commit waste or nuisance, annoy, molest or interfere with any other Resident or neighbor. Any such action may result in the immediate termination of this Agreement as provided herein and by law.
10. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS:** Except as provided by law, no repairs, decorating or alterations shall be done by Resident without Owner/ Agent's prior written consent. Resident shall notify Owner/Agent in writing of any repairs or alterations contemplated. Decorations include, but are not limited to, painting and wallpapering. Resident shall hold Owner/Agent harmless and indemnify Owner/Agent as to any mechanics lien recordation or proceeding caused by Resident. Resident may not make any alterations to cable or telephone inside wiring (such as may occur when changing telecommunications providers or adding phone lines) without prior written consent of the Owner/Agent. The notice shall include the name, address, and telephone number of any new telecommunication provider. Resident agrees to pay all costs resulting from the alteration and agrees to pay to the Owner/Agent any costs associated with restoring the inside wiring to the condition at the time of move-in, except for reasonable wear and tear.
11. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREMISES:** Resident has inspected the premises, furnishings and equipment, and has found them to be satisfactory. All plumbing, heating and electrical systems are operative and deemed satisfactory.
12. **CARE, CLEANING, MAINTENANCE AND INSURANCE:** Resident agrees to leave the premises in the same condition as it was received, subject to normal wear and tear. Except as prohibited by law, Resident shall keep the premises and furniture, furnishings and appliances, and fixtures, which are rented for Resident's exclusive use, in good order and condition. Upon move-out, Resident agrees to return the unit to the same level of cleanliness it was in at the inception of the tenancy. Resident is is not (check one) responsible for the upkeep of the yard and landscaping. Resident shall pay Owner/Agent for costs to repair, replace or rebuild any portion of the premises damaged by the Resident, Resident's guests or invitees. Resident's property is not insured by Owner/Agent. Resident is not a co-insured and is expressly excluded from any insurance policy held by Owner/Agent which is now in effect or becomes effective during the term of this Agreement.
13. **WAIVER OF BREACH:** The waiver of either party of any breach shall not be construed to be a continuing waiver of any subsequent breach. The receipt by Owner/Agent of the rent with the knowledge of any violation of a covenant or condition hereto shall not be deemed a waiver of such breach. No waiver by either party of the provisions herein shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by all parties to this Rental Agreement.
14. **JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY:** The undersigned Resident(s), whether or not in actual possession of the premises, are jointly and severally liable for all obligations under this Rental Agreement, and shall indemnify Owner/Agent for liability arising prior to the termination of the Rental Agreement for personal injuries or property damage caused or permitted by Resident(s), their guests and invitees. This does not waive "Owner/Agent's duty of care" to prevent personal injury or property damage where that duty is imposed by law.
15. **ENTRY:** California law allows Owner/Agent or his/her employee(s) to enter the premises for certain purposes during normal business hours. The Owner/Agent will provide written notice to the Resident prior to the entry of the dwelling unit whenever required by state law. (Civil Code Section 1954.) Resident's non-compliance with Owner/Agent's lawful request for entry is a material breach of this Agreement that may be cause for immediate termination as provided herein and by law.



- 16. SUBLETTING AND ASSIGNMENT:** No portion of the premises shall be sublet nor this Agreement assigned. Any attempted subletting or assignment by Resident shall, at the election of Owner/Agent, be an irremediable breach of this Agreement and cause for immediate termination as provided herein and by law.
- 17. BREACH OF LEASE:** In the event that Resident breaches this Lease Agreement, Owner/Agent shall be allowed at Owner/Agent's discretion, but not by way of limitation, to exercise any or all remedies provided Owner/Agent by California Civil Code Section 1951.2 and 1951.4. Damages Owner/Agent "may recover" include the worth at the time of the award of the amount by which the unpaid rent for the balance of the term after the time of award, or for any shorter period of time specified in the Lease Agreement, exceeds the amount of such rental loss for the same period that the Resident proves could be reasonably avoided.
- 18. SALE OF PROPERTY:** In the event of the sale or refinance of the property: If Owner/Agent presents to Resident a "Resident's Certification of Terms - Estoppel Certification," or other similar Estoppel Certification form, Resident agrees to execute and deliver the certificate acknowledging that this Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect, or in full force and effect as modified with the consent of Owner/Agent, and stating the modifications, within ten (10) days of written notice. Failure to comply shall be deemed Resident's acknowledgement that the certificate as submitted by Owner/Agent is true and correct and may be relied upon by any lender or purchaser.
- 19. SMOKE DETECTION DEVICE:** The premises are equipped with a functioning smoke detection device(s), and Resident shall be responsible for testing the device weekly and immediately reporting any problems, maintenance or need for repairs to Owner/Agent. If battery operated, Resident is responsible for changing the detector's battery as necessary. Owner/Agent shall have a right to enter the premises to check and maintain the smoke detection device as provided by law.
- 20. NOTICE:** Pursuant to Section 290.46 of the Penal Code, information about specified registered sex offenders is made available to the public via an Internet Web site maintained by the Department of Justice at www.meganslaw.ca.gov. Depending on an offender's criminal history, this information will include either the address at which the offender resides or the community of residence and ZIP Code in which he or she resides.

21. ADDENDA: By initialing as provided, Resident acknowledges receipt of the following applicable addenda, as indicated, copies of which are attached hereto, and are incorporated as part of this Agreement.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Policies Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke Detector Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> C C & Rs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Move-In/Move-Out Itemization | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlawful Activity Addendum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pest Control Notice Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposition 65 Brochure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Disclosure Addendum | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Rules Addendum | <input type="checkbox"/> Mold Notification Addendum | Other: _____ |

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement, which includes all attachments referred to above, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and cannot be modified except in writing and signed by all parties, except as permitted by applicable law. Neither Owner/Agent, nor any agent or employee of Owner/Agent has made any representations or promises other than those set forth herein.

23. CREDIT REPORTS: A negative credit report reflecting on your credit history may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Resident expressly authorizes Owner/Agent (including a collection agency) to obtain Resident's consumer credit report, which Owner/Agent may use if attempting to collect past due rent payments, late fees, or other charges from Resident, both during the term of the Agreement and thereafter.

24. ATTORNEYS' FEES: If any legal action or proceeding is brought by either party to enforce any part of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover, in addition to all other relief, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, unless one of the following two boxes is checked:

- the prevailing party shall recover, in addition to all other relief, attorneys' fees not to exceed \$ _____, plus court costs.
 Or each party shall be responsible for their own attorneys' fees and court costs.

The undersigned Resident(s) acknowledge(s) having read and understood the foregoing, and receipt of a duplicate original.

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Date</i> | <i>Resident</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Resident</i> |
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