

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

COUNTY OF KERN, a Public Entity; CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a Public Entity; and DOES 1 to 25, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

OFELIA RUIZ, an individual

ELECTRONICALLY FILED
Superior Court of California,
County of Kern

By: Alexandra Valles-Guerrero
Deputy Clerk

03/02/2026

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Metropolitan Division

1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Sina Tabibian, Esq. CHAT Law Group, LLP, 8383 Wilshire Blvd Ste. 634, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

310-988-1088

DATE:

(Fecha) 03/02/2026

Tara Leal

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

/s/ Alexandra Valles

, Deputy

(Adjunto)

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

26CUB00781

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify):

COUNTY OF KERN

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation)

☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

☒ other (specify):

PUBLIC ENTITY

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):



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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

OFELIA RUIZ, an individual

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF KERN, a Public Entity;
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a Public
Entity; and DOES 1 to 25, Inclusive

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 26CUB00781

COMPLAINT

1. NEGLIGENCE;
2. PREMISES LIABILITY; AND
3. DANGEROUS CONDITION OF PUBLIC
PROPERTY (GOV. CODE § 815 et
seq.).

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Plaintiff OFELIA RUIZ, an individual, and complains against
Defendants CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, COUNTY OF KERN, and Does 1 through 25,
inclusive, and each of them, as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS RELEVANT TO ALL CLAIMS

1. Plaintiff OFELIA RUIZ ("OFELIA" or "Plaintiff") is, and at all relevant times
was, an adult resident of the County of Kern, State of California.

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1 2. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Plaintiff was lawfully operating her
2 electric scooter on the roadway located at or near the intersection of Quincy Street and
3 Robinson Street, Bakersfield, California 93305 ("SUBJECT PROPERTY").

4 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant
5 CITY OF BAKERSFIELD ("CITY" or "Defendant") is, and at all relevant times was, a public
6 entity operating in the County of Kern, State of California.

7 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant
8 COUNTY OF KERN ("COUNTY" or "Defendant") is, and at all relevant times was, a public
9 entity operating in the County of Kern, State of California.

10 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that at all relevant
11 times herein, Defendants CITY, COUNTY, and DOES 1 through 25 owned, possessed,
12 modified, repaired, operated, maintained, worked upon, controlled, managed and/or
13 supervised the SUBJECT PROPERTY where Plaintiff was injured.

14 6. The true names, identities, or capacities, whether individual, corporate,
15 associate, governmental, or otherwise, of Defendants Does 1 through 25, inclusive, are
16 unknown to Plaintiff at this time, who therefore sues such Defendants by such fictitious
17 names. When the true names, identities, capacities, or participation of such fictitiously
18 designated DOE Defendants are ascertained, Plaintiff will ask leave of this Court to
19 amend this Complaint accordingly and insert said names, identities, and/or capacities,
20 together with the proper charging allegations.

21 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that each of the
22 Defendants designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible in some manner for the
23 events and happenings herein referred to, and legally caused injury and damages
24 proximately thereby to Plaintiff as herein alleged.

25 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that at all times
26 herein mentioned, each of the Defendants named herein, including each DOE Defendant,
27 was the agent, servant, partner, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants, and was
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1 at all such times acting within the purpose and scope of said agency, service, partnership
2 and/or employment, unless otherwise stated.

3 9. This lawsuit arises out of an incident which occurred on or about July 2,
4 2025, when Plaintiff was ejected from her electric scooter as a result of a dangerous,
5 cracked, and pothole-ridden condition of the roadway at or near the SUBJECT
6 PROPERTY. Specifically, Plaintiff struck a hazardous roadway defect that caused her to
7 be thrown from the scooter, resulting in serious injuries including, but not limited to, a left
8 calcaneal fracture, as well as injuries to her left leg, shoulder, elbow, and knee. No signs,
9 warnings, cones, or markings were present to alert the public to the danger.

10 VENUE

11 10. Venue is proper because the incident, injury, and loss occurred within the
12 County of Kern, State of California..

13 11. Venue is proper because this is a civil action wherein the matter in
14 controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of this
15 Court.

16 12. Plaintiff timely served a Claim for Damages on the CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
17 on or about July 24, 2025 (Exhibit "A"). On or about September 24, 2025, the CITY
18 rejected Plaintiff's claim (Exhibit "B").

19 13. Plaintiff timely served a Claim for Damages on the COUNTY OF KERN on
20 or about July 24, 2025 (Exhibit "C"). On or about August 29, 2025, the COUNTY rejected
21 Plaintiff's claim (Exhibit "D").

22 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

23 **(GENERAL NEGLIGENCE Against Defendants DOES 1-25)**

24 14. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and re-alleges each and every fact and/or
25 allegation set forth in the prior paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect
26 as though more fully set forth at length herein.

27 15. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendants DOES 1 through 25,
28 and each of them, including without limitation their agents, servants, subcontractors,

1 employees and/or others, owed a duty to Plaintiff because they owned, possessed,
2 modified, repaired, operated, maintained, worked upon, controlled, managed, and/or
3 supervised the SUBJECT PROPERTY.

4 16. However, Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, breached
5 their duty of care by failing to reasonably own, possess, modify, repair, operate, maintain,
6 work upon, control, manage, and/or supervise the SUBJECT PROPERTY.

7 17. Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, breached their duty of
8 care by permitting, allowing, causing, failing to repair, and/or failing to warn of a hazardous
9 crack, pothole, and/or broken roadway surface in the SUBJECT PROPERTY. As a result,
10 this created an unreasonable risk of harm, a harm which Defendants DOES 1 through 25
11 knew or should have known about. Nevertheless, Defendants DOES 1 through 25 failed
12 to repair the condition, protect against harm from the condition, and/or give adequate
13 warning of the condition.

14 18. Therefore, as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants
15 DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, Plaintiff sustained serious injuries and damages
16 to her person, including but not limited to a left calcaneal fracture, as well as injuries to
17 her left leg, shoulder, elbow, and knee.

18 19. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness and other
19 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and
20 of their respective agents, servants, employees and authorized representatives as
21 aforesaid, Plaintiff was required to and did obtain necessary medical and hospital care
22 and services and did incur medical, incidental, and service expenses thereupon. Plaintiff
23 is informed and believes and thereon alleges that she will need future medical treatment.

24 20. As a direct and legal result of Defendants DOES 1 through 25's breach of
25 duties owed to Plaintiff and others, Plaintiff sustained serious injuries and has incurred in
26 the past, and will incur in the future, general and special damages in an amount to be
27 determined by the trier of fact in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

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8 22. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness, and other
9 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of the Defendants DOES 1 through 25,
10 and each of them, and by reason of her injuries, Plaintiff has been and will be prevented
11 and/or limited in following an occupation or profession, and has therefore suffered past
12 and future loss of earnings and diminution of earning capacity in an amount to be
13 determined by the trier of fact.

(PREMISES LIABILITY Against Defendants DOES 1-25)

23. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and re-alleges each and every fact and/or allegation set forth in the prior paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect as though more fully set forth at length herein.

24. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, including without limitation their agents, servants, subcontractors, employees and/or others, directly or indirectly owned, controlled, occupied, operated, managed, leased, possessed, designed, constructed, developed, inspected, repaired, modified, supervised, and/or maintained the SUBJECT PROPERTY.

24 25. At all relevant times herein mentioned, the persons acting as the managers
25 and maintainers of the SUBJECT PROPERTY were doing so with the knowledge,
26 permission, and consent of Defendants DOES 1 through 25.

26. At all relevant times herein mentioned, the SUBJECT PROPERTY constituted a dangerous condition which created an unreasonable risk of harm due to a

1 hazardous crack, pothole, and/or broken roadway surface in the street at or near the
2 intersection of Robinson Street and Quincy Street.

3 27. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and
4 each of them, were negligent in the manner in which they owned, controlled, occupied,
5 operated, managed, leased, possessed, designed, constructed, developed, inspected,
6 repaired, modified, supervised, and/or maintained the SUBJECT PROPERTY by causing
7 and/or allowing a dangerous condition to exist and remain upon said SUBJECT
8 PROPERTY.

9 28. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 1 through 25
10 were also negligent in failing to inspect, warn of, remove, correct, and otherwise take
11 precautions so as to prevent injuries to persons on said SUBJECT PROPERTY.

12 29. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Plaintiff was lawfully traveling on the
13 SUBJECT PROPERTY and while thereon and as a direct and proximate result of the
14 negligence of Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, sustained substantial
15 injuries and damages as herein alleged.

16 30. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness and other
17 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and
18 of their respective agents, servants, employees and authorized representatives as
19 aforesaid, Plaintiff was required to and did obtain necessary medical and hospital care
20 and services and did incur medical, incidental, and service expenses thereupon. Plaintiff
21 is informed and believes and thereon alleges that she will need future medical treatment.

22 31. As a direct and legal result of Defendants DOES 1 through 25's breach of
23 duties owed to Plaintiff and others, Plaintiff sustained serious injuries and has incurred in
24 the past, and will incur in the future, general and special damages in an amount to be
25 determined by the trier of fact in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

26 32. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness and other
27 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and
28 each of them, Plaintiff has been injured in her health, strength and activities. Said injuries

1 have caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff physical pain, emotional distress,
2 humiliation, fear, embarrassment, and other pain and suffering. The aforementioned
3 injuries have generally damaged Plaintiff in a sum well in excess of the jurisdictional
4 minimum of this Court.

5 33. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness, and other
6 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants DOES 1 through 25, and
7 each of them, and by reason of her injuries, Plaintiff has been and will be prevented and/or
8 limited in following an occupation or profession, and has therefore suffered past and
9 future loss of earnings and diminution of earning capacity in an amount to be determined
10 by the trier of fact.

11 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **(Dangerous Condition of Public Property Against Defendants**

13 **COUNTY CITY, and DOES 1-25)**

14 34. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates, and re-alleges each and every fact and/or
15 allegation set forth in the prior paragraphs of this Complaint with the same force and effect
16 as though more fully set forth at length herein.

17 35. On July 2, 2025, Plaintiff was lawfully operating her electric scooter on the
18 SUBJECT PROPERTY located at or near the intersection of Robinson Street and Quincy
19 Street in Bakersfield, California.

20 36. As Plaintiff traveled through the intersection, the front wheel of her scooter
21 struck a **hazardous crack, pothole, and/or broken roadway surface**, causing her to
22 lose control, be ejected from the scooter, and sustain serious bodily injuries.

23 37. At all material times, the SUBJECT PROPERTY was in a dangerous
24 condition as aforesaid, as Plaintiff was using the roadway in a reasonably foreseeable
25 manner when the defective and deteriorated pavement caused her to fall and suffer
26 injuries.

27 38. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that on or about
28 the above-referenced date and place, Defendants CITY, COUNTY, and DOES 1–25, and

1 each of them, owed a duty of care to Plaintiff because they owned, leased, rented,
2 occupied, possessed, designed, constructed, developed, operated, inspected, repaired,
3 maintained, modified, managed, controlled, and/or supervised the subject roadway, and
4 permitted or created the dangerous condition.

5 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendants,
6 and each of them, breached the abovementioned duty of care because they negligently
7 and carelessly owned, leased, rented, occupied, possessed, designed, constructed,
8 developed, operated, inspected, repaired, maintained, modified, managed, controlled,
9 supervised, permitted or created the dangerous condition at the subject roadway so as to
10 cause Plaintiff to fall and sustain severe injuries.

11 40. Defendants, and each of them, had actual notice and/or constructive notice
12 of the dangerous condition because they either created the roadway defect, knew of its
13 existence, and/or the dangerous condition existed for sufficient time that Defendants
14 should have repaired, corrected, or warned of the hazard.

15 41. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendants,
16 and each of them, are liable for such conduct under statutes including, but not limited to,
17 Government Code Sections 815, 815.2, 815.6, 835, and 835.2.

18 42. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of the negligent, careless, reckless,
19 and/or unlawful conduct of Defendants and DOES 1–25, and each of them, Plaintiff
20 sustained severe bodily injuries, including but not limited to a left calcaneal fracture and
21 injuries to her left leg, shoulder, elbow, and knee.

22 43. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness and other
23 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants and of their respective
24 agents, servants, employees and authorized representatives as aforesaid, Plaintiff was
25 required to and did obtain necessary medical and hospital care and services and did incur
26 medical, incidental, and service expenses thereupon. Plaintiff is informed and believes
27 and thereon alleges that she will need future medical treatment.

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1 44. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' breach of duties owed to Plaintiff
2 and others, Plaintiff sustained serious injuries and has incurred in the past, and will incur
3 in the future, general and special damages in an amount to be determined by the trier of
4 fact in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

5 45. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness and other
6 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants, and each of them,
7 Plaintiff has been injured in her health, strength and activities. Said injuries have caused
8 and will continue to cause Plaintiff physical pain, emotional distress, humiliation, fear,
9 embarrassment, and other pain and suffering. The aforementioned injuries have generally
10 damaged Plaintiff in a sum well in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

11 46. As a direct and legal result of the negligence, carelessness, and other
12 tortious, unlawful and wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants, and each of them, and
13 by reason of her injuries, Plaintiff has been and will be prevented and/or limited in
14 following an occupation or profession, and has therefore suffered past and future loss of
15 earnings and diminution of earning capacity in an amount to be determined by the trier of
16 fact.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff OFELIA RUIZ prays for judgment against Defendants CITY, COUNTY, and DOES 1 through 25, and each of them, as follows:

1. For past and future general damages;
2. For past and future special damages;
3. For pre and post judgment interest allowable by law;
4. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
5. For such further and other relief as the Court may deem proper.

DATED: February 27, 2026

CHAT LAW GROUP, LLP

By: _____


Sina Tabibian, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
OFELIA RUIZ

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all causes of action as a matter of
right. DATED: February 20, 2026

CHAT LAW GROUP, LLP

By: 
Sina Tabibian, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
OFELIA RUIZ

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Beverly Hills, CA 90211

EXHIBIT A



LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
For Damages to Persons and Personal Property
(Government Code Sections 905, 910 and 910.2 and B.M.C. 3.12)

BAKERSFIELD

FILE CLAIMS WITH: **CITY CLERK**
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
1600 TRUXTUN AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301

1. Claim must be filed with the City Clerk, City of Bakersfield within six (6) months after the accident, event or incident occurred.
2. Make certain the claim is against the City of Bakersfield and not another public entity.
3. Completed forms must be mailed or delivered on time to the City Clerk at the address indicated above. Where space is insufficient, use additional paper and identify information by paragraph number.
4. For other claims, consult the Government Code for filing times and complete the appropriate sections of this claim form.
5. You must sign the claim form at the bottom of page 2, and each attached sheet.
6. **WARNING:** Knowingly filing false claims violates Gov. Code §125650 and Penal Code §72 and can be prosecuted as fraud.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following claim and information:

(A) Claimant's Information:

1. Full Name of Claimant: Ofelia Ruiz	2. Name of Parent or Guardian: (if minor)
3. Date of Birth: 05/12/1960	4. Sex: Male/Female Female
5. Complete Home Address of Claimant: 1203 Pacific Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305	6. Telephone Numbers: (include area codes) Home: 805-572-8041 Work: Cell:
7. Business/Work Address of Claimant:	8. Preferred Mailing Address: (for notices to be sent) Chat Law Group, LLP, 8383 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 655, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

(B) The date, place and other circumstances of the occurrence or transaction which gave rise to the claim asserted (be precise as to the exact location):

9. DATE: July 2, 2025 10. TIME: 8:45pm
11. PLACE: At or near the intersection of Quincy Street and Robinson Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305
(EXACT LOCATION)
12. CIRCUMSTANCES: _____

(SPECIFY THE PARTICULAR OCCURRENCE, EVENT, ACT OR OMISSION WHICH CAUSED THE INJURY OR DAMAGE)

On or about July 2, 2025, Claimant Ofelia Ruiz was lawfully operating her electric scooter on Robinson Street, near its intersection with Quincy Street in the City of Bakersfield. As she entered the intersection, she struck a cracked and/or pothole-ridden portion of the roadway, causing her to be thrown from the scooter and suffer injuries. There were no signs, cones, or markings warning of the road defect.

THIS CLAIM MUST BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE

SEE PAGE 2 (over)

(C) A general description of the injury, damage or loss:

13. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES/DAMAGE: Claimant sustained multiple injuries including to her left leg, shoulder, elbow, and knee. The most serious injury is a fracture to her left calcaneus (heel bone). She required emergency medical treatment and continues to undergo follow-up care. Claimant has incurred and continues to incur medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering as a result of the incident.

(D) The name, address and telephone number of all witnesses to the injury, damage or loss:

- | 14. | NAME | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
|-----|--|---------|------------------|
| (1) | <u>None that Claimant is aware of.</u> | | |
| (2) | <u></u> | | |
| (3) | <u></u> | | |

(E) The name(s) of the public employee(s) causing the injury, damage, or loss, if known:

15. NAME(S): Unknown.
16. WHAT ACT/ACTION OF CITY EMPLOYEE(S) CAUSED THE INJURY/DAMAGE?

(F) The amount claimed, as of the date of filing of this claim, including the estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage, or loss as it may be known. For property damage, please provide copies of 2 separate repair estimates.

17. AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE: Exceeds \$35,000
18. ESTIMATED FUTURE COSTS: Exceeds \$35,000
19. AMOUNT OF TOTAL CLAIM: Exceeds \$35,000
(INCLUDING ALL KNOWN LOSS DAMAGES)

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2010, the Medicare Secondary Payer Act (Federal Law) requires the City to report claims involving payments for bodily injury and/or medical treatments to Medicare. As such, are you eligible to receive Medicare/Medical for services rendered for injuries sustained as a result of this incident?

X Yes No

If your answer is Yes, your Social Security number may be requested during the process of your claim.

The undersigned states that he or she is the person making the above stated claim, or is a person representing said claim and acting on behalf of the claimant above named, and declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct insofar as is known as of this date.

EXECUTED ON: July 24, 2025
(DATE)

EXECUTED AT: Beverly Hills, California
(CITY/STATE)

Julia Ruiz

(SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT OR CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE)

NOTE: This document is a public record and may be disclosed/released pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

EXHIBIT B



BAKERSFIELD

THE SOUND OF *Something Better*

September 24, 2025

Chat Law Group, LLP
8383 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 655,
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

RE: OFELIA RUIZ VS. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

REJECTION OF CLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the claim presented to the City of Bakersfield on **August 4, 2025**, is being rejected.

WARNING

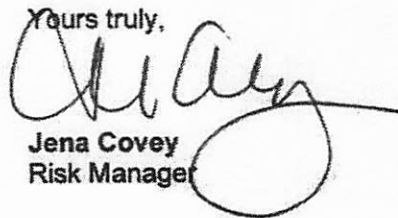
Subject to certain exceptions, you have only six (6) months from the date this denial notice was personally delivered or deposited in the mail to file a court action in a superior court of the State of California on this claim. See Government Code Section 945.6.

This time limitation only applies to causes of action arising under California law for which a claim is mandated by the California Government Tort Claims Act, Government Code sections 900 et seq. Other causes of action, including those arising under federal law, may leave shorter time limitations for filing.

You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately.

Please also be advised that pursuant to Sections 128.5 and 1038 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the City will seek to recover all costs of defense in the event an action is filed in this matter and it is determined that the action was not brought in good faith and with reasonable cause.

Yours truly,



Jena Covey
Risk Manager

JC/ml
cc: George Hills
City Clerk's Office

Risk Management Division
1600 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-326-3738 FAX: 661-852-2030

DECLARATION OF SERVICE OF MAIL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

I am employed in the County of Kern, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this stated action.

My business address is:

City Hall, 1600 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

I am familiar with the practice of the City of Bakersfield for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Under that practice, correspondence in a sealed envelope and fully prepaid, is deposited with the United States Postal Service the same day it is submitted for mailing.

On September 24, 2025, I served the foregoing document described as follows:

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

RE: OFELIA RUIZ VS. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

By placing the original, thereof, for collection and mailing in the course of the ordinary business practice with other correspondence of the City of Bakersfield, City Hall, addressed as follows:

Chat Law Group, LLP
8383 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 655,
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 24, 2025 Bakersfield, California.

Miriam Loera
Type or Print


Signature

EXHIBIT C

CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF KERN

(Government Code §§ 910, 910.2 & 910.4)

This claim must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301. If it is a claim for death, injury to person, injury to personal property or injury to growing crops, it must be filed within six months after the accident or event giving rise to the claim. If it is a claim for any other cause of action, it must be filed within one year after the event(s) giving rise to the claim. You must complete both sides and sign the claim form for the claim to be valid. Complete information must be provided. If the space provided is inadequate, please use additional paper and identify information by paragraph number. Do not attach medical records or other confidential records to your claim. ANY COMPLETED CLAIM AND ALL ATTACHMENTS WILL BE TREATED AS A PUBLIC RECORD AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY THE PUBLIC ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE.

1. State the name and mailing address of claimant:

Ofelia Ruiz, 1203 Pacific Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305

2. State the mailing address to which claimant desires notices from the County to be sent:

CHAT Law Group LLP, 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 655, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

3. State the date, place and other circumstances of the accident or event(s) giving rise to the claim.

8:45 pm, at or near the intersection of Quincy Street and Robinson Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305; July 2, 2025

4. Provide a general description of the injury, damage or loss incurred so far as it may be known:

Claimant sustained injuries to her left leg, shoulder, elbow, and knee when she fell from her electric scooter due to a hazardous condition on the roadway. Most notably, she suffered a left calcaneal (heel bone) fracture, requiring emergency medical treatment, ongoing care, and potential future orthopedic intervention. She has experienced significant pain, limited mobility, and disruption to her daily activities and employment.

5. Provide the name or names of the public employee or employees causing the injury, damage or loss, if known:

Unknown at this time.

6. Regarding the amount claimed (including estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage or loss known as of the time the claim is filed):

If less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), state the amount: \$ _____.

If more than ten thousand dollars, would the claim be a limited civil case (less than \$25,000)? (Circle one)

Yes

No

7. Please state any additional information which may be helpful in considering this claim:

At the time of the incident, Claimant was operating her electric scooter lawfully in the street and not on the sidewalk. The intersection of Robinson Street and Quincy Street contained a dangerous condition, specifically a crack and/or pothole, which caused the scooter to become unstable and eject her from the device. No warnings or barriers were present to alert the public to the danger. The County knew or should have known of this defect due to its size, location, and duration, and failed to take reasonable steps to repair or warn of it. Claimant continues to suffer from ongoing pain, medical treatment, and limitations on her personal and professional life.

Claimant must date and sign below.

Signed this 24th day of July, 2025.

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CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

**WARNING! IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE
TO FILE A FALSE CLAIM (Penal Code §72)**

EXHIBIT D

**NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM**

August 29, 2025

CHAT Law Group, LLP
8383 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 655
Beverly Hills, CA 90211Name of Claimant(s): Ofelia Ruiz
Date of Incident: July 2, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the claim you submitted to the clerk of the Kern County Board of Supervisors, on August 4, 2025, is rejected.

WARNING

Subject to certain exceptions, you have only six (6) months from the date this notice was deposited in the mail to file a court action on this claim. (See Gov. Code Section 945.6.)

The time limitation only applies to causes of action arising under California law for which a claim is mandated by California Government Tort Claims Act, Government Code sections 900 et seq. Other causes of action, including those arising under federal law, may leave shorter time limitations for filing.

Please be advised that pursuant to Sections 128.5 and 1038 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the County of Kern will seek to recover all costs of defense in the event an action is filed in this matter, and it is determined that the action was not brought in good faith and with reasonable cause.

You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately.

Very truly yours,

MaryClaire Walsh, Claims Adjuster

GROUNDED & BOUNDLESS

1115 Truxtun Ave. 4th Floor Bakersfield, CA. 93301 | 661.868.3800 | TTY Relay 800.735.2929

RISK MANAGER

Lisa V. Dearmore

Loss Prevention Specialist

Pablo S. Muro

General Liability Claims Adjuster

MaryClaire Walsh

Workers Compensation Claims Manager

Diana L. Sanchez

Supervising Workers Compensation Claims Adjuster

Teena L. Carile

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF KERN)

I am employed in the County of Kern, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 4th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

On August 29, 2025, I served the foregoing document described as:

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

CHAT LAW GROUP, LLP
8383 WILSHIRE BLVD., STE. 655
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

I am familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the U. S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Bakersfield, California, in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.


Mary Claire Walsh

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: Sina Tabibian, Esq. FIRM NAME: Chat Law Group, LLP STREET ADDRESS: 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 634 CITY: Beverly Hills TELEPHONE NO.: 310-988-1008 EMAIL ADDRESS: sina@chatlawgroup.com ATTORNEY FOR (name): Plaintiff, Ofelia Ruiz		STATE BAR NUMBER: 337010 STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 90211 FAX NO.:		FOR COURT USE ONLY ELECTRONICALLY FILED Superior Court of California, County of Kern By: Alexandra Valles-Guerrero Deputy Clerk 02/27/26 4:52 PM	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: 1415 Truxtun Avenue MAILING ADDRESS: 1416 Truxtun Avenue 1215 AV CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, CA 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metropolitan Division					
CASE NAME: Ruiz v. County of Kern, et al					
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ☒ Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$35,000)			☐ Limited (Amount demanded is \$35,000 or less)		
☐ Complex Case Designation ☐ Counter ☐ Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)			CASE NUMBER: 26CUB00781		
JUDGE: DEPT.:					

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort

- ☒ Auto (22)
☐ Uninsured motorist (46)

Asbestos

- ☐ Asbestos (04)

**Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property
Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort**

- ☐ Product liability (24)
☐ Medical malpractice (45)
☐ Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

- ☐ Business tort/Unfair business practice (07)
☐ Civil rights (08)
☐ Defamation (13)
☐ Fraud (16)
☐ Intellectual property (19)
☐ Professional negligence (25)
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

Employment

- ☐ Wrongful termination (36)
☐ Other employment (15)

Contract

- ☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06)
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)
☐ Other collections (09)
☐ Insurance coverage (18)
☐ Other contract (37)

Real Property

- ☐ Eminent domain/Inverse
condemnation (14)
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)
☐ Other real property (26)

Unlawful Detainer

- ☐ Commercial (31)
☐ Residential (32)
☐ Drugs (38)

Judicial Review

- ☐ Asset forfeiture (05)
☐ Petition re arbitration award (11)
☐ Writ of mandate (02)
☐ Other judicial review (39)

**Employment Development
Department (EDD)**

- ☐ EDD decision review (48)

**Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.404)**

- ☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
☐ Construction defect (10)
☐ Mass tort (40)
☐ Securities litigation (28)
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
☐ Comprehensive groundwater adjudication (47)
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the
above listed provisionally complex case types
(41)

Enforcement of Judgment

- ☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

- ☐ RICO (27)
☐ Other complaint (*not specified above*) (42)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

- ☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)
☐ Other petition (*not specified above*) (43)



2. Is this case complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties
- b. ☐ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
- c. ☐ Substantial amount of documentary evidence
- d. ☐ Large number of witnesses
- e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
- f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (*check all that apply*):

- a. ☒ monetary
- b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief
- c. ☐ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (*specify*): Three (3)

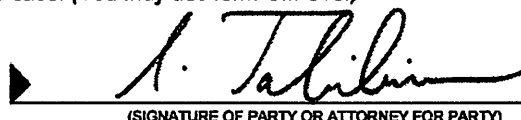
5. Is this case a class action suit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (*You may use form CM-015.*)

Date: February 27, 2026

Sina Tabibian, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 of the California Rules of Court or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on pages 1 and 2. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 of the California Rules of Court is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$35,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.



CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/
Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) *(if the case involves
an uninsured motorist claim subject to
arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)*

Asbestos

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death

Other PIPD/WD (Personal Injury/**Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort**

Product Liability *(not asbestos or toxic/
environmental)* (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice—Physicians &
Surgeons

Other Professional Health Care
Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g.,
assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest)
(not civil harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice *(not
medical or legal)*

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)

Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease Contract *(not*

unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff
(not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open book
accounts) (09)

Collections Case—Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage *(not provisionally
complex)* (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property *(not eminent
domain, landlord-tenant, or
foreclosure)*

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) *(if the case involves illegal drugs,
check this item; otherwise, report as
Commercial or Residential)*

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition re Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ—Administrative Mandamus

Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case
Matter

Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal—Labor Commissioner

Appeals

Employment Development Department (EDD)

EDD Decision Review (48) *(if the case
involves an Employment Development
Department decision, check this item
instead of Wrongful Termination or Other
Employment)*

**Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal.
Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)**

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication
(47)

Insurance Coverage Claims *(arising from
provisionally complex case type listed
above)* (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

Confession of Judgment *(non-domestic
relations)*

Sister-State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award *(not unpaid
taxes)*

Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment
on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint *(not specified above)* (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief
Only *(non-harassment)*

Mechanic's Lien

Other Commercial Complaint Case *(non-
tort/non-complex)*

Other Civil Complaint *(non-tort/non-
complex)*

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)

Other Petition *(not specified above)* (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late Claim

Other Civil Petition

- DO NOT FILE WITH THE COURT -

CIV-050

- UNLESS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A DEFAULT JUDGMENT UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 585 -

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): Sepideh Hersel, Esq. (SBN 226017) CHAT LAW GROUP, LLP 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 634 Beverly Hills, CA 90211	TELEPHONE NO.: 310-988-1088	FOR COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR (name): Plaintiff, OFELIA RUIZ		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LKERN STREET ADDRESS: 1215 Truxtun Ave MAILING ADDRESS: 1215 Truxtun Ave CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, CA 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metropolitan Division		
PLAINTIFF: OFELIA RUIZ DEFENDANT: COUNTY OF KERN, et al.		
STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)		CASE NUMBER: 26CUB00781

To (name of one defendant only): OFELIA RUIZ
Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only): COUNTY OF KERN a Public Entity
seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

- | | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------|
| 1. General damages | |
| a. ☒ Pain, suffering, and inconvenience | \$ 200,000.00 |
| b. ☒ Emotional distress. | \$ 75,000.00 |
| c. ☐ Loss of consortium | \$ |
| d. ☐ Loss of society and companionship (wrongful death actions only) | \$ |
| e. ☐ Other (specify) | \$ |
| f. ☐ Other (specify) | \$ |
| g. ☐ Continued on Attachment 1.g. | |
| 2. Special damages | |
| a. ☒ Medical expenses (to date) | \$ 5,118.51 |
| b. ☒ Future medical expenses (present value) | \$ 100,000.00 |
| c. ☐ Loss of earnings (to date) | \$ |
| d. ☐ Loss of future earning capacity (present value) | \$ |
| e. ☐ Property damage | \$ |
| f. ☐ Funeral expenses (wrongful death actions only) | \$ |
| g. ☐ Future contributions (present value) (wrongful death actions only) | \$ |
| h. ☐ Value of personal service, advice, or training (wrongful death actions only) | \$ |
| i. ☐ Other (specify) | \$ |
| j. ☐ Other (specify) | \$ |
| k. ☐ Continued on Attachment 2.k. | |
| 3. ☐ Punitive damages: Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages in the amount of (specify).. \$ | |
| when pursuing a judgment in the suit filed against you. | |

Date: May 27, 2026

Sepideh Hersel, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)

(Proof of service on reverse)

Page 1 of 2

PLAINTIFF: OFELIA RUIZ
 DEFENDANT: COUNTY OF KERN, et al.

CASE NUMBER:
 26CUB00781

PROOF OF SERVICE

(After having the other party served as described below, with any of the documents identified in item 1, have the person who served the documents complete this Proof of Service. Plaintiff cannot serve these papers.)

1. I served the
 - a. ☒ Statement of Damages ☐ Other (specify):
 - b. on (name): CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a Public Entity
 - c. by serving ☒ defendant ☐ other (name and title or relationship to person served):
 - d. ☐ by delivery ☐ at home ☐ at business
 - (1) date:
 - (2) time:
 - (3) address:
 - e. ☒ by mailing
 - (1) date: May 18, 2026
 - (2) place: 1600 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
2. Manner of service (check proper box):
 - a. ☐ **Personal service.** By personally delivering copies. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.10.)
 - b. ☐ **Substituted service on corporation, unincorporated association (including partnership), or public entity.** By leaving, during usual office hours, copies in the office of the person served with the person who apparently was in charge and thereafter mailing (by first-class mail, postage prepaid) copies to the person served at the place where the copies were left. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20(a).)
 - c. ☐ **Substituted service on natural person, minor, conservatee, or candidate.** By leaving copies at the dwelling house, usual place of abode, or usual place of business of the person served in the presence of a competent member of the household or a person apparently in charge of the office or place of business, at least 18 years of age, who was informed of the general nature of the papers, and thereafter mailing (by first-class mail, postage prepaid) copies to the person served at the place where the copies were left. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20(b).) (Attach separate declaration or affidavit stating acts relied on to establish reasonable diligence in first attempting personal service.)
 - d. ☐ **Mail and acknowledgment service.** By mailing (by first-class mail or airmail, postage prepaid) copies to the person served, together with two copies of the form of notice and acknowledgment and a return envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the sender. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30.) (Attach completed acknowledgment of receipt.)
 - e. ☒ **Certified or registered mail service.** By mailing to an address outside California (by first-class mail, postage prepaid, requiring a return receipt) copies to the person served. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40.) (Attach signed return receipt or other evidence of actual delivery to the person served.)
 - f. ☐ Other (specify code section):
☐ additional page is attached.
3. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
4. Fee for service: \$
5. Person serving:
 - a. ☐ California sheriff, marshal, or constable
 - b. ☐ Registered California process server
 - c. ☐ Employee or independent contractor of a registered California process server
 - d. ☐ Not a registered California process server
 - e. ☐ Exempt from registration under Business and Professions Code section 22350(b)
 - f. Name, address, and telephone number and, if applicable, county of registration and number:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

(For California sheriff, marshal, or constable use only)
 I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 05/27/2026

Date:

(SIGNATURE)

(SIGNATURE)