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Superior Court of California,
County of Kern
By: Julia Barrera
Deputy Clerk

09/23/2026

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

COUNTY OF KERN, CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GERARDO MARTINEZ, and DOES 1-100, inclusive

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

SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA, individually, and DAMIAN MORALES HERRERA, by and through his guardian ad litem, SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA

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): Kern County Superior Court

1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

26CUB03052

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):

Christopher B. Adamson, Esq. 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035. 310.888.0024.

DATE:

(Fecha)

09/23/2026

Tara Leal

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

Julia Barrera

, Deputy

(Adjunto)

(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)).

[SEAL]



NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- ☒ on behalf of (specify): County Of Kern
under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☒ other (specify): a public entity
- ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: Christopher B. Adamson, Esq. FIRM NAME: Adamson Ahdoot LLP STREET ADDRESS: 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd. CITY: Los Angeles TELEPHONE NO.: 310.888.0024 EMAIL ADDRESS: eserve@aa.law ATTORNEY FOR (name): Plaintiffs - Sonia Alberta Herrera, et al.		STATE BAR NUMBER: 238500 STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 90035 FAX NO.: 888.895.4665	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: 1215 Truxtun Ave. MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, CA 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metro Justice Building		FOR COURT USE ONLY ELECTRONICALLY FILED Superior Court of California, County of Kern By: Julia Barrera Deputy Clerk 08/7/26 3:10 PM	
CASE NAME: Herrera v. County of Kern		CASE NUMBER: 26CUB03052	
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ☒ Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$35,000)		☐ Limited (Amount demanded is \$35,000 or less)	
☐ Counter		☐ Joinder	
Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)		JUDGE: DEPT.:	

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2 and examples on page 3).

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)
☐ Song-Beverly Act: Motor Vehicle Lemon Law (49)
☐ 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*): (1)
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: August 7, 2026

Christopher B. Adamson, 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, or a collections case under rule 3.740, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.)
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 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 on page 3 of this form. 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

The list below provides explanations and examples for the case type checkboxes listed in item 1 on this form. The lists of examples below are not meant to be exhaustive, and some case types may have causes of action not listed here.

- Auto Tort**
 Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/
 Wrongful Death
 Uninsured Motorist (*if the case involves an
 uninsured motorist claim subject to
 arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)
 (46)
- Asbestos**
 Asbestos (04)
 Asbestos Property Damage
 Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
- Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/
 Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort**
 Product Liability (*not asbestos or
 environmental/toxic tort*) (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 (*other than contract*) (16)
 Intellectual Property (19)
 Professional Negligence (25)
 Legal Malpractice
 Other Professional Malpractice
 (*not medical*)
 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*)
 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
 Song-Beverly Act: Motor Vehicle Lemon Law
 (*check this item if the case involves a Song-
 Beverly Act claim regarding a motor
 vehicle*) (49)
 Rule 3.740 Collections (*as defined in Cal.
 Rules of Court, rule 3.740(a)*) (09)
 Other Collections (e.g., money owed, open
 book accounts, promissory note) (09)
 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 unlawful
 detainer*)
- Unlawful Detainer**
 Commercial (31)
 Residential (32)
 Drugs (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check
 this item; otherwise, choose Commercial or
 Residential*) (38)
- 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 (*if the case involves an
 Employment Development Department
 decision, check this item instead of
 wrongful termination or other employment*)
 (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
 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
 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 Government
 Claim Requirement
 Other Civil Petition

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FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA, individually, and
DAMIAN MORALES HERRERA, by and
through his *guardian ad litem*, SONIA
ALBERTA HERRERA,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

COUNTY OF KERN, CITY OF
BAKERSFIELD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
GERARDO MARTINEZ, and DOES 1-100,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 26CUB03052

**PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR
DAMAGES**

1. NEGLIGENCE

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Plaintiffs SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA, individually, and DAMIAN MORALES HERRERA, by and through his *guardian ad litem*, SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA (collectively hereinafter "PLAINTIFFS"), for Causes of Action against Defendants COUNTY OF KERN (hereinafter "DEFENDANT COUNTY"), CITY OF BAKERSFIELD (hereinafter "DEFENDANT CITY"), STATE OF CALIFORNIA (hereinafter "DEFENDANT STATE"), GERARDO MARTINEZ (hereinafter "DEFENDANT MARTINEZ"), and DOES 1-100, inclusive (collectively hereinafter "DEFENDANTS"); and each of them, complains and alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. At all times relevant and mentioned herein, PLAINTIFFS were, and are, residents of the County of Kern, California.

2. DEFENDANTS COUNTY, CITY, and STATE, at all times herein relevant, are public entities duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California and authorized to do and are doing business in the State of California.

3. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that DEFENDANT MARTINEZ was, and is, a resident of the County of Kern, California.

4. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that DEFENDANTS, and each of them, have a statutory duty and are statutorily liable for injury caused by their act or omission to the same extent as a private person would be, as provided by Government Code Section 820(a).

5. The true names and capacities, whether individual, plural, corporate, partnership, associate, or otherwise, of DOES 1-100, inclusive, are unknown to PLAINTIFFS, who therefore sue said DEFENDANTS by such fictitious names. The full extent of the facts linking such fictitiously sued DEFENDANTS is unknown to PLAINTIFFS. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that each of the DEFENDANTS designated herein as a DOE was, and is, negligent, or in some other actionable manner, responsible for the events and happenings hereinafter referred to, and thereby negligently, or in some other actionable manner, legally and proximately caused the described injuries and damages to PLAINTIFFS. PLAINTIFFS will seek leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to show the DEFENDANTS' true names and capacities after the same have been ascertained.

1 6. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant and
2 mentioned herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, were the agents, servants, employees, and/or
3 successors in interest, and/or joint venturers of their co-defendants, and each of them was acting
4 within the course, scope, and authority of said agency, employment, and/or venture, and that each
5 and every defendant, as aforesaid, when acting as a principal, was negligent in the selection and
6 hiring, retention, training and supervision of each and every other defendant as an agent, employee
7 and/or joint venturer. Further, that each said defendant, while acting as a principal, expressly directed,
8 consented to, approved, affirmed, and ratified each and every action taken by their co-defendants, as
9 alleged. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that said fictitiously named
10 DEFENDANTS, and each of them, engaged in the same or similar conduct as DEFENDANTS,
11 thereby proximately causing PLAINTIFFS' injuries and damages as set forth herein, either through
12 the said fictitious DEFENDANTS' own negligent conduct or through the conduct of agents, servants,
13 or employees, or due to their ownership, rental, use, or maintenance of the property operated by
14 DEFENDANT MARTINEZ.

15 7. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe, and thereon allege that pursuant to California
16 Government Code §§ 815.2, 815.4, and 820(a), DEFENDANTS, and each of them, are vicariously
17 liable for the actions and omissions of their employees, agents, or independent contractors.

18 **JURISDICTION**

19 8. PLAINTIFFS' injuries occurred on East Brundage Lane, west of Sterling Road, in the
20 City of Bakersfield, California ("SUBJECT LOCATION"), which falls within the judicial district of
21 the Superior Court, County of Kern. Therefore, this Court is the proper court to bring this action
22 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 395 and 396.

23 **GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT COMPLIANCE**

24 9. On or about January 19, 2026, prior to the filing of this Complaint, and pursuant to the
25 provisions of Government Code section 910, et seq., PLAINTIFFS timely, properly, and duly
26 submitted to DEFENDANT COUNTY claims for the injuries and damages set forth herein on account
27 of the events described herein. Attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" are true and correct copies of
28 PLAINTIFFS' claim forms. On or about February 11, 2026, DEFENDANT COUNTY rejected

1 PLAINTIFFS' claims. Attached hereto as "Exhibit 2" are true and correct copies of DEFENDANT
2 COUNTY'S rejection letters.

3 10. On or about January 19, 2026, prior to the filing of this Complaint, and pursuant to the
4 provisions of Government Code section 910, et seq., PLAINTIFFS timely, properly, and duly
5 submitted to DEFENDANT CITY claims for the injuries and damages set forth herein on account of
6 the events described herein. Attached hereto as "Exhibit 3" are true and correct copies of
7 PLAINTIFFS' claim forms. On or about February 13, 2026, DEFENDANT CITY rejected
8 PLAINTIFFS' claims. Attached hereto as "Exhibit 4" are true and correct copies of DEFENDANT
9 CITY'S rejection letters.

10 11. On or about January 19, 2026, prior to the filing of this Complaint, and pursuant to the
11 provisions of Government Code section 910, et seq., PLAINTIFFS timely, properly, and duly
12 submitted to DEFENDANT STATE claims for the injuries and damages set forth herein on account
13 of the events described herein. Attached hereto as "Exhibit 5" are true and correct copies of
14 PLAINTIFFS' claim forms. To date, PLAINTIFFS have not received any correspondence from
15 DEFENDANT STATE in response to PLAINTIFFS' claims.

16 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

17 12. The claims set forth herein arise from a motor vehicle collision that occurred on
18 September 1, 2025, in or around the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, California (hereinafter
19 "SUBJECT INCIDENT"), which caused severe personal injuries to PLAINTIFFS.

20 13. On September 1, 2025, the date of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, DEFENDANT
21 MARTINEZ was operating a 2018 Ford Explorer (hereinafter "SUBJECT VEHICLE").
22 PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant and mentioned
23 herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE was owned, operated, managed, maintained, inspected, and/or
24 otherwise controlled by DEFENDANTS, and each of them.

25 14. On September 1, 2025, PLAINTIFFS were the restrained occupants of a 2022 Honda
26 Civic (hereinafter "PLAINTIFFS' VEHICLE"), traveling westbound on East Brundage Lane, west
27 of Sterling Road. At the same time, DEFENDANT MARTINEZ was traveling directly behind
28 PLAINTIFFS' VEHICLE. As PLAINTIFFS were traveling, as previously mentioned, DEFENDANT

1 MARTINEZ was operating the SUBJECT VEHICLE without due care, causing the SUBJECT
2 VEHICLE to collide with PLAINTIFFS' VEHICLE.

3 15. At said time and place, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, had a duty to exercise
4 reasonable care in the ownership, supervision, operation, and maintenance of the SUBJECT
5 VEHICLE, so as not to create an unreasonable risk of harm to others using the public roadway.
6 Despite these duties, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, negligently, recklessly, and carelessly
7 managed, maintained, drove, operated, controlled, entrusted, and supervised the operation of the
8 SUBJECT VEHICLE, so as to directly and proximately cause it to collide with PLAINTIFFS'
9 VEHICLE while PLAINTIFFS were traveling as previously mentioned, thereby causing
10 PLAINTIFFS' injuries and damages alleged herein.

11 16. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times herein
12 relevant, DEFENDANT MARTINEZ was employed by DEFENDANTS, and was, at all times herein
13 relevant, acting within the scope of his duties for DEFENDANTS. PLAINTIFFS are further
14 informed, believe, and thereupon allege that, at all times herein relevant, DEFENDANT MARTINEZ
15 was driving the SUBJECT VEHICLE, which was owned, controlled, maintained, managed, operated,
16 and used by DEFENDANTS, and which was entrusted to DEFENDANT MARTINEZ so that he
17 could perform the duties of his employment. PLAINTIFFS are further informed, believe, and thereon
18 allege that, at all times herein relevant, DEFENDANTS authorized DEFENDANT MARTINEZ to
19 use the SUBJECT VEHICLE for the purposes DEFENDANT MARTINEZ saw fit during the course
20 and scope of his duties.

21 17. As a result of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, PLAINTIFFS suffered severe, traumatic,
22 debilitating, and permanent injuries that necessitated significant medical care.

23 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **NEGLIGENCE**

25 (By PLAINTIFFS against DEFENDANTS and DOES 1-100)

26 18. PLAINTIFFS re-allege and incorporate herein by reference each and every allegation
27 and statement contained in the prior paragraphs.

28 19. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant and

1 mentioned herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, owed a duty of care to all reasonably
2 foreseeable people, including PLAINTIFFS, to own, lease, manage, maintain, entrust, operate, drive,
3 and/or control the SUBJECT VEHICLE in a reasonable manner.

4 20. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant and
5 mentioned herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, carelessly and negligently owned, leased,
6 managed, maintained, and/or entrusted the SUBJECT VEHICLE to DEFENDANT MARTINEZ,
7 who carelessly and negligently operated, drove, and/or controlled the SUBJECT VEHICLE, so as to
8 legally, directly, and proximately cause the SUBJECT INCIDENT.

9 21. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that DEFENDANTS, and each
10 of them, breached their duty to own, lease, manage, maintain, entrust, control, and/or operate the
11 SUBJECT VEHICLE in a reasonable manner, thereby causing bodily injuries to PLAINTIFFS.

12 22. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that DEFENDANTS, and each
13 of them, were agents, servants, employees, successors in interest, and/or joint venturers of their co-
14 defendants, and were, as such, acting within the course, scope, and authority of said agency,
15 employment and/or venture, and that each and every defendant, as aforesaid, when acting as a
16 principal, was negligent in the selection of each and every other defendant as an agent, servant,
17 employee, successor in interest, and/or joint venturer.

18 23. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times mentioned
19 herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, carelessly and negligently, owned, leased, managed,
20 maintained, controlled, entrusted, and/or operated the SUBJECT VEHICLE so as to legally and
21 proximately cause the same to collide with PLAINTIFFS' VEHICLE.

22 24. More specifically, PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all
23 times relevant and mentioned herein, DEFENDANT MARTINEZ carelessly and negligently
24 operated, drove, and/or controlled the SUBJECT VEHICLE, owned and operated by
25 DEFENDANTS, thereby colliding with PLAINTIFFS' VEHICLE.

26 25. PLAINTIFFS are informed, believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant and
27 mentioned herein, said careless and negligent conduct of DEFENDANTS, and each of them, in regard
28 to the ownership, leasing, management, maintenance, entrustment, operation, driving, and/or control

1 of the SUBJECT VEHICLE was the direct, legal and proximate cause of the injuries and damages to
2 PLAINTIFFS as herein alleged.

3 26. As a legal, direct, and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of the
4 DEFENDANTS, and each of them, PLAINTIFFS were injured and hurt in their health, strength
5 and/or activity, sustaining serious injuries to their bodies, and/or shock and injury to their nervous
6 systems and person, all of which said injuries have caused and continue to cause PLAINTIFFS great
7 physical and/or mental pain and suffering. PLAINTIFFS are further informed, believe, and thereon
8 allege that said injuries will result in some permanent disability to her person, all to their general
9 damages in an amount which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to California Code of Civil
10 Procedure Section 425.10.

11 27. As a legal, direct, and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of
12 DEFENDANTS, and each of them, PLAINTIFFS sustained damage to their property in an amount
13 which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section
14 425.10.

15 28. As a legal, direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of
16 DEFENDANTS, and each of them, PLAINTIFFS were prevented from attending their usual
17 occupations and/or PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe, and thereon allege that they will be
18 prevented from ever attending to their occupations in the future, and thereby will also sustain a loss
19 of earning capacity and loss of opportunity, in addition to lost earnings, past, present, and future
20 according to proof, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.10.

21 29. As a legal, direct, and proximate result of the conduct of the DEFENDANTS, and each
22 of them, PLAINTIFFS were compelled to and did employ the services of hospitals, physicians,
23 surgeons, nurses and the like, to care for and treat their injuries, and did incur hospital, medical,
24 professional and incidental expenses, and PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe, and thereon allege
25 that by reason of their injuries, they will necessarily incur additional like expenses for an indefinite
26 period of time in the future, the exact amount of which expenses will be stated according to proof,
27 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.10.

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1 **PRAYER FOR DAMAGES**

2 WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS hereby pray for judgment against DEFENDANTS and DOES
3 1-100, inclusive; and each of them, as follows:

4 1. For general damages (also known as non-economic damages), including but not
5 limited to, past and future physical, mental, and emotional pain and suffering in an amount in excess
6 of the jurisdictional minimum, according to proof;

7 2. For special damages (also known as economic damages), including but not limited to,
8 past and future hospital, medical, professional, and incidental expenses as well as past and future loss
9 of earnings, loss of opportunity, and loss of earning capacity, in excess of the jurisdictional minimum,
10 according to proof;

11 3. For prejudgment interest, according to proof;

12 4. For cost of suit incurred herein, including attorney's fees, according to proof;

13 5. For damages for PLAINTIFFS' other losses, according to proof;

14 6. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

15 Dated: August 6, 2026

16 Respectfully submitted,
ADAMSON AHDOOT LLP

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18 By: CA CA
Christopher B. Adamson, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
19 SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA and DAMIAN
20 MORALES HERRERA

21 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

22 PLAINTIFF hereby demands a trial by jury as to all causes of action.

23
24 Dated: August 6, 2026

25 Respectfully submitted,
ADAMSON AHDOOT LLP

26 By: CA CA
Christopher B. Adamson, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
27 SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA and DAMIAN
28 MORALES HERRERA

EXHIBIT 1

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.

1. State the name and mailing address of claimant:

Sonia Alberta Herrera 2609 Tesoro Dr. Arvin, Ca 93203

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

Adamson Ahdoot 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd Los Angeles, Ca 90035

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

On 09/01/2025 the claimant was traveling w/b on E. Brundage Ln in the city of Bakersfield, CA, when she was rear ended by an on duty officer, Gerardo Martinez, who was operating an on duty emergency vehicle.

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

Claimant suffered injuries, but not limited to: neck, back, head, extremities, PTSD.

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

Gerardo Martinez

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:

None at this time

Claimant must date and sign below.

8. Signed this 19th day of January, 2026.



CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

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

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

TBD The claimant is only 2 years old, parent Sonia A. Herrera.

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EXHIBIT 2

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

February 11, 2026

Adamson Ahdoot
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90035Name of Claimant(s): Sonia Alberta Herrera
Date of Incident: September 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the claim you submitted to the clerk of the Kern County Board of Supervisors, on January 20, 2026, 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.

Sincerely,

KENDRA L. GRAHAM, County Counsel

By:


MaryClaire Walsh, Liability Claims Adjuster

COK CL # 2025000292

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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 February 11, 2026, 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:

**ADAMSON AHDOOT
1122 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035**

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.



MaryClaire Walsh



NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

February 11, 2026

Adamson Ahdoot
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MaryClaire Walsh

EXHIBIT 3



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: Sonia Alberta Herrera	2. Name of Parent or Guardian: (if minor) N/A
3. Date of Birth: 06/07/1999	4. Sex: Male/Female Female
5. Complete Home Address of Claimant: 2609 Tesoro Dr Arvin, Ca 93203	6. Telephone Numbers: (include area codes) Home: Work: Cell:
7. Business/Work Address of Claimant:	8. Preferred Mailing Address: (for notices to be sent) Adamson Ahdoot 1122 S. La Cienga Blvd LA CA 90035;

(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: 09/01/2025 10. TIME: 04:16PM
11. PLACE: E. Brundage LN and 60 feet west of Sterling Rd in the city of Bakersfiel, Ca
(EXACT LOCATION)
12. CIRCUMSTANCES: _____

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

On 09/01/2025, the claimant was traveling w/b on E. Brundage Ln in the city of Bakersfield, Ca, when sh
was rear ended by on duty officer, Gerardo Martinez, who was operating an on duty emergency vehicle.

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

13. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES/DAMAGE: The claimant suffered injuries, but not limited to,
head, neck, back, extremities, PTSD.

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

14.	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
(1)	<u>TBD</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): Gerardo Martinez

16. WHAT ACT/ACTION OF CITY EMPLOYEE(S) CAUSED THE INJURY/DAMAGE? Negligence
operation of a motor vehicle, causing injuries.

(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: \$38,000.00

18. ESTIMATED FUTURE COSTS: 5,000,000.00

19. AMOUNT OF TOTAL CLAIM: 5,000,000.00
(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?

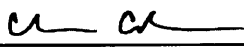
 Yes X No

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: 01/19/2026
(DATE)

EXECUTED AT: Los Angeles, CA
(CITY/STATE)


(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.



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

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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: Damian Morales Herrera	2. Name of Parent or Guardian: (if minor) Sonia Alberta Herrera
3. Date of Birth: 09/01/2023	4. Sex: Male/Female Male
5. Complete Home Address of Claimant: 2609 Tesoro Dr Arvin, Ca 93203	6. Telephone Numbers: (include area codes) Home: Work: Cell:
7. Business/Work Address of Claimant:	8. Preferred Mailing Address: (for notices to be sent) Adamson Ahdoot 1122 S. La Cienga Blvd LA CA 90035;

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

On 09/01/2025, the claimant was a passenger in a vehicle traveling w/b on E. Brundage Ln in the city of Bakersfield, CA, whenwas rear ended by on duty officer, Gerardo Martinez, who was operating an on duty emergency vehicle.

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

13. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES/DAMAGE: TBD the claimant is just 2 years old

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

14. NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER

(1) TBD

(2) _____

(3) _____

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

15. NAME(S): Gerardo Martinez

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EXECUTED ON: 01/19/2026

(DATE)

EXECUTED AT: Los Angeles, CA

(CITY/STATE)


(SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT OR CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE)

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EXHIBIT 4



BAKERSFIELD

THE SOUND OF *Something Better*

February 13, 2026

Adamson Ahdoot
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90035

RE: DAMIAN HERRERA vs. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

REJECTION OF CLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the claim you presented to the City of Bakersfield on January 20, 2026 is being rejected. The employee identified in the claim does not work for the City of Bakersfield. A reasonable investigation would lead you to discover that the employee identified in the claim does not work for the City. As such, it is requested that the City of Bakersfield not be named as a Defendant in this Claim/Complaint.

Continued prosecution of this action against the City of Bakersfield is without "probable cause" and would constitute actionable malicious prosecution. You and your firm's personal liability to the City of Bakersfield in continuing to maliciously prosecute this matter is clearly detailed in the case of *Zamos v. Stroud*, (2004) 32 Cal. 4th 958, where the California Supreme Court held: Holding attorneys liable for the damages a party incurs as a result of the attorneys prosecuting civil claims after they learned the claims have no merit . . . will encourage voluntary dismissals of meritless claims at the earliest stage possible. Because an attorney will be liable only for the damages incurred from the time the attorney reasonably should have caused the dismissal of the lawsuit after learning it has no merit, an attorney can avoid liability by promptly causing the dismissal of or withdrawing as attorney in the lawsuit, ... For the reasons stated, we conclude an attorney may be held liable for malicious prosecution for continuing to prosecute a lawsuit discovered to lack probable cause" (*Zamos v. Stroud*, (2004) 32 Cal. 4th at 969-970).

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.

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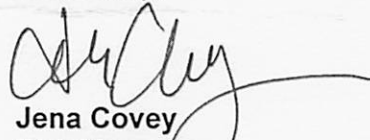


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Please also be advised that pursuant to Sections 128.5 and 1038 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the City will seek to recover all costs of defense in the event an action is filed in this matter and it is determined that the action was not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

Yours truly,



Jena Covey
Risk Manager

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

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 February 13, 2026, I served the foregoing document described as follows:

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

RE: DAMIAN HERRERA vs. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

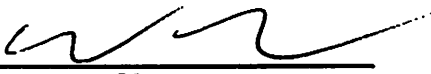
By placing the original, thereof, for collection and mailing in the course of the ordinary business practice with other correspondence of the City of Bakersfield, City Hall, addressed as follows:

Adamson Ahdoot
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

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

Executed on February 13, 2026 Bakersfield, California.

Type or Print



Signature



BAKERSFIELD

THE SOUND OF *Something Better*

February 13, 2026

Adamson Ahdoot
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90035

RE: SONIA HERRERA vs. CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

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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.

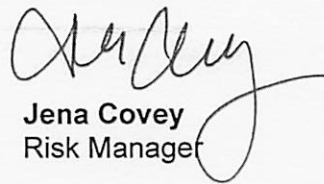


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Please also be advised that pursuant to Sections 128.5 and 1038 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the City will seek to recover all costs of defense in the event an action is filed in this matter and it is determined that the action was not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

Yours truly,



Jena Covey
Risk Manager

JC/ml

cc: George Hills

City Clerk's Office

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 February 13, 2026, I served the foregoing document described as follows:

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF CLAIM

RE: SONIA HERRERA 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:

Adamson Ahdoot
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90035

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

Executed on February 13, 2026 Bakersfield, California.

Type or Print



Signature

EXHIBIT 5

CLAIMANT INFORMATION				
LAST NAME Herrera		FIRST NAME Sonia		MIDDLE INITIAL A.
INMATE OR PATIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (if applicable)		BUSINESS NAME(if applicable) Adamson Ahdoot 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd LA CA 90035		
TELEPHONE NUMBER 310-888-0024		EMAIL ADDRESS alex@aa.law		
MAILING ADDRESS 2609 Tesoro Dr.		CITY Arvin	STATE CA	ZIP 93203
IS THE CLAIMANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		INSURED NAME(Insurance Company Subrogation)		
IS THIS AN AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING CLAIM? ☐ Yes ☒ No		EXISTING CLAIM NUMBER (if applicable)		EXISTING CLAIMANT NAME(if applicable)

ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION				
LAST NAME Adamson		FIRST NAME Christopher		MIDDLE INITIAL B
TELEPHONE NUMBER 310-888-0024		EMAIL ADDRESS alex@aa.law		
MAILING ADDRESS 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd		CITY Los Angeles	STATE CA	ZIP 90035

CLAIM INFORMATION	
STATE AGENCIES OR EMPLOYEES AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS FILED State of California and Gerardo Martinez	DATE OF INCIDENT 09/01/2025
LATE CLAIM EXPLANATION (Required, if incident was more than six months ago)	

N/A

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CLAIM 5,000,000.00	CIVIL CASE TYPE(Required, if amount is more than \$10,000) ☐ Limited (\$25,000 or less) ☒ Non-Limited (over \$25,000)
DOLLAR AMOUNT EXPLANATION Past, future medical bills, lost wages and pain and suffering	
INCIDENT LOCATION E. Brundage LN and 60 feet west of Sterling Rd	
SPECIFIC DAMAGE OR INJURY DESCRIPTION	

Claimant suffered injuries, but not limited to: neck, back, extremities, head and PTSD

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO DAMAGE OR INJURY

Negligence operation of a moving vehicle.

EXPLAIN WHY YOU BELIEVE THE STATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE OR INJURY

The State of California, has an obligation to properly train employees, when the employees are acting on the States behalf, including during the course and scope of employment.

AUTOMOBILE CLAIM INFORMATION		
DOES THE CLAIM INVOLVE A STATE VEHICLE? ☒ Yes ☐ No	VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER (if known) 1555396	STATE DRIVER NAME (if known) Gerardo Martinez
HAS A CLAIM BEEN FILED WITH YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER? ☒ Yes ☐ No	INSURANCE CARRIER NAME Allstate	INSURANCE CLAIM NUMBER 0804269132
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my information and belief. I further understand that if I have provided information that is false, intentionally incomplete, or misleading I may be charged with a felony punishable by up to four years in state prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 (Penal Code section 72).		
SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME Christopher B. Adamson	DATE 01/19/2026

INSTRUCTIONS	
• Include a check or money order for \$25, payable to the State of California. • \$25 filing fee is not required for amendments to existing claims. • Confirm all sections relating to this claim are complete and the form is signed. • Attach copies of any documentation that supports your claim. Do not submit originals.	
Mail the claim form and all attachments to: Office of Risk and Insurance Management Government Claims Program P.O. Box 989052, MS414 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9052	Claim forms can also be delivered to: Office of Risk and Insurance Management Government Claims Program 707 3rd Street, 1st Floor West Sacramento, CA 95605 1-800-955-0045

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Access to Your Information

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DGSORIM
Public Records Officer
707 3rd St., West Sacramento, CA 95605
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LAST NAME Morales-Herrera	FIRST NAME Damian	MIDDLE INITIAL	
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SPECIFIC DAMAGE OR INJURY DESCRIPTION	

TBD The claimant is only 2 years old, parent Sonia A. Herrera.

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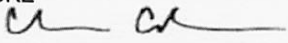
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
Bakersfield Metropolitan Justice
1215 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: (661) 610-6000

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SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

August 7, 2026

/s/ Javen Silva,
Deputy Clerk

Sonia Alberta Herrera, et al v. County of Kern, et al

Notice of Assignment to Judicial Officer for All Purposes, Notice of
Order to Show Cause Re: California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110, and
Notice of Case Management Conference

Case Number:
26CUB03052

By order of the presiding judge, the above-entitled case is assigned to the Honorable Bernard C. Barmann, Jr for all purposes. It will be managed in Department/Division H until its conclusion. Peremptory challenges, if any, must be made within the times set out in Code of Civil Procedure §170.6.

To Plaintiff(s) and Plaintiff(s) Counsel:

You are required to serve this Notice of Assignment and Notice of Order to Show Cause date and Notice of Case Management Conference date with the Summons, Complaint [Local Rule 3.7(a), Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Packet, and ADR Stipulation and Order Form (California Rules of Court, Rule 3.221).

You are ordered to appear on November 19, 2026 at 8:30 A.M. in Division H at 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 to give any legal reason why sanctions shall not be imposed for failure to serve the complaint on all named defendants and file proof(s) of service with the court within sixty (60) days after the filing of the complaint pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110. All appearances are mandatory, unless the court receives the required proof(s) of service five (5) court days prior to the hearing date, and then no appearance is necessary.

To each party and their respective attorney(s) of record:

Your attention is directed to the California Rules of Court and the Code of Civil Procedure provisions regarding mandatory expedited jury trial procedures, specifically to California Rules of Court Rules 3.1546, et seq., and Code of Civil Procedure section 630.20, et seq.

This case is set for Case Management Conference on February 2, 2027 at 8:30 A.M. in Division H located at 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Parties shall comply with and file case management statements at least fifteen (15) days prior to the conference in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rules 3.720 – 3.730.

To Cross Complainant(s) and Cross Complainant(s) Counsel:

If you are bringing cross complaint against new parties, you are, likewise, required to serve this Notice of Assignment pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110, Notice of Order to Show Cause date and Notice of Case Management Conference date on the new cross defendants.

Tara Leal
Clerk of the Superior Court

Date: August 7, 2026

By: /s/ Javen Silva
Javen Silva, Deputy Clerk

The Clerk of the Superior Court's office has received a civil complaint from you for filing. Pursuant to the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act, your case has been assigned to the Honorable Bernard C. Barmann, Jr as monitoring judge.

Judge Bernard C. Barmann, Jr has instituted a direct calendaring system for all cases assigned to him/her as the monitoring judge.

All law and motion, case management and trial setting conferences, ex parte matters and trials will be scheduled before him/her in Division H at 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Law & Motion and Ex-Parte hearing dates must be pre-cleared by contacting the Direct Calendaring Clerk at 661-610-6460. Tentative rulings are not provided in advance of the hearing.

At the time of filing the complaint, plaintiff's counsel will be given a Notice of Case Management Conference which sets a conference approximately one hundred eighty (180) days after filing of the complaint. This notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants. Defendants must serve the notice on all cross-defendants named. The notice must also be served on interveners and lien claimants.

Pursuant to Local Rule 3.2.1, a party wishing to appear remotely in any civil proceeding other than an evidentiary hearing or trial, including conferences and law and motion hearings, is permitted to appear without advance notice to the court or other parties. By appearing remotely those persons will be deemed to have requested a remote appearance. Instructions for accessing Remote Court Hearings can be found on the court's website. Each judicial officer retains the discretion to require a party to appear in person at a conference, hearing, or proceeding, as authorized by Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75. Remote proceedings for evidentiary hearings or trials in all divisions shall be noticed and conducted as authorized by Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 and California Rules of Court, rule 3.672.

The Court does not provide court reporters for civil matters. Parties wishing to have a matter reported must provide their own reporter. The court maintains a list of pre-approved official reporters pro tem. Your preferred reporter can be added to this list. Information regarding the court's list is on the court's website.

Another judge will hear settlement conferences in cases assigned to Judge Bernard C. Barmann, Jr. However, those cases that do not settle will be set for trial before him/her.

Superior Court Of California County Of Kern Special Rules Relating To Case Management Conferences

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the case management conference, each party shall prepare, file and serve on each other party a case management conference statement providing the Court with the following information:

1. The “at-issue” status of the case including any new parties that may be contemplated;
2. A brief statement of the type of case and the general facts or contentions;
3. A description of the discovery done to date and that contemplated to be done;
4. Estimated time for trial and whether a jury is demanded;
5. Whether or not the case is entitled to priority in trial setting and if so, the legal authority thereof;
6. An evaluation of the case for alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation or private judge handling;
7. If a person injury action, a description of the injuries sustained by each plaintiff and the elements of claimed damage;
8. A statement of any settlement negotiations undertaken thus far;
9. The name of the attorney primary responsible for the case on behalf of the party filing the statement.

More than one party may join in the filing of a single statement.

The case management conference shall be attended by the attorney primarily responsible for the case on behalf of each party or a member of his or her firm or counsel formally associated in the case. The attorney attending shall be thoroughly familiar with the case, and be able to engage in meaningful discussions with court and counsel, and to enter into agreements on behalf of his or her client on the following subjects:

1. The “at-issue” status of the case including the dismissal of the unnamed doe defendants or cross-defendants by agreement of all parties;
2. Discovery conducted and remaining to be done;
3. Amenability of the case to alternative dispute resolution including, but no limited to, arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation, and private judge handling.
4. Delineation of issues including stipulation of facts not in substantial controversy;
5. Settlement prospects;
6. Setting the matter for trial, pre-trial conferences, settlement conference or further case management conference;
7. Any other matters relevant to the processing of the case to a final resolution.

Any violation of these rules shall result in the imposition of substantial sanctions which may include monetary, issue, termination, or other appropriate sanctions.

Certificate of Service

The undersigned, of said Kern County, certify: That I am a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Kern, that I am a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, I reside in or am employed in the County of Kern, that I am not a party to the within action and that my business address is 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, that I served the Notice of Assignment to Judicial Officer for All Purposes, Notice of Order to Show Cause Re: California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110, and Notice of Case Management Conference attached hereto on all interested parties and any respective counsel of record in the within action, following standard Court practices, by: (a) enclosing true copies thereof in a sealed envelope(s) with postage fully prepaid and depositing/placing for collection and delivery in the United States mail at Bakersfield, California; and/or (b) enclosing true copies thereof in a Kern County interoffice envelope(s) and placing for collection and delivery; and/or (c) electronically transmitting true copies thereof by electronic service or e-mail. Service address(es) are indicated on the attached service list.

Date of service: August 7, 2026

Place of service: Bakersfield, California

Sent from electronic service address: donotreply@kern.courts.ca.gov

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

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Service List

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: Christopher B. Adamson, Esq. FIRM NAME: Adamson Ahdoot LLP STREET ADDRESS: 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd. CITY: Los Angeles TELEPHONE NO.: 310.888.0024 EMAIL ADDRESS: eserve@aa.law ATTORNEY FOR (name): Plaintiffs - Sonia Alberta Herrera, et al.		STATE BAR NUMBER: 238500 STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 90035 FAX NO.: 888.895.4665		FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED Superior Court of California, County of Kern By: Julia Barrera Deputy Clerk 09/23/2026
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: 1215 Truxtun Ave. MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, CA 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metro Justice Building				
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Sonia Alberta Herrera DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: County of Kern, et al. OTHER PARENT/PARTY:				
ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM—CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW ☐ EX PARTE		CASE NUMBER: 26CUB03052		

1. Applicant (name): Sonia Alberta Herrera
 seeks appointment of a guardian ad litem of (name): Damian Morales Herrera

2. ☐ The application came on regularly for a hearing as follows:

a. Judicial officer (name):

b. Hearing date: Time: ☐ Dept.: ☐ Room:

c. The following persons were present at the hearing:

- (1) ☐ Applicant (name):
- (2) ☐ Attorney for applicant (name):
- (3) ☐ Guardian ad litem named in item 6.
- (4) ☐ Attorney for guardian ad litem (name):
- (5) ☐ Plaintiff/Petitioner (name): Sonia Alberta Herrera
- (6) ☐ Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner (name):
- (7) ☐ Defendant/Respondent (name): County of Kern, et al.
- (8) ☐ Attorney for Defendant/Respondent (name):
- (9) ☐ Other (names):

THE COURT FINDS

3. ☒ All notices required by law have been given.

4. The person for whom a guardian ad litem is to be appointed is a party who is

- a. ☒ a minor (date of birth): 09/01/2023
- b. ☐ a person who lacks legal capacity to make decisions.
- c. ☐ a person for whom a conservator has been appointed.

5. ☒ The person for whom a guardian ad litem is to be appointed

- a. ☐ is a minor who is a party to an action under the Uniform Parentage Act. (Family Code, §§ 7600–7730.)
- b. ☐ is a minor who is requesting or opposing a request for an injunction or restraining order described in Code of Civil Procedure sections 372(b) and 374(a).
- c. ☒ does not have a guardian or conservator of the estate.
- d. ☐ has a guardian or conservator of the estate, but the guardian or conservator is inadequate to represent the person's interest and appointment of a guardian ad litem is expedient.

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Sonia Alberta Herrera
 DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: County of Kern, et al.
 OTHER PARENT/PARTY:

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26CUB03052

THE COURT ORDERS

6. (Name): Sonia Alberta Herrera
 is appointed guardian ad litem of (name): Damian Morales Herrera
7. The guardian ad litem ☐ is ☒ is *not* authorized to waive or disclaim any substantive rights of the represented party without further order of this court.
8. The guardian ad litem must promptly report to the court any potential conflict of interest with the represented person that becomes an actual conflict, as well as any new potential or actual conflict of interest that arises during the course of the representation.
9. ☐ Other (specify):

☐ Continued on Attachment 9.

10. Number of pages attached: _____

Date: September 23, 2026


 JUDICIAL OFFICER

☐ SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)
INFORMATION PACKET



Kern County Superior Court encourages, and under certain circumstances, may require parties to try ADR before trial. Courts have also found ADR to be beneficial when used early in the case process. The courts, community organizations and private providers offer a variety of ADR processes to help people resolve disputes without a trial. Below is information about the potential advantages and disadvantages of ADR, the most common types of ADR, and how to find a local arbitrator, mediator or neutral evaluator. You may find more information about these ADR processes at www.courts.ca.gov/programs/adr.

Possible Advantages and Disadvantages of ADR

ADR may have a variety of advantages or disadvantages over a trial depending on the type of ADR process used as well as the particular type of case involved.

Possible Advantages: Saves time; saves money; gives the parties more control over the dispute resolution process and outcome; helps to preserve and/or improve party relationships.

Possible Disadvantages: May add additional time and costs to the litigation if ADR does not resolve the dispute; procedures such as discovery, jury trial, appeals, and other legal protections may be limited or unavailable.

Most Common Types of ADR

Mediation: A neutral person or "mediator" helps the parties communicate in an effective and constructive manner so the parties can try to resolve their dispute. The mediator does not decide the outcome, but helps the parties to do so. Mediation is generally confidential and may be particularly useful where ongoing relationships are involved, such as between family members, neighbors, employers/employees or business partners.

Settlement Conferences: A judge or another neutral person assigned by the court helps the parties to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their case and to discuss settlement. The judge or settlement conference neutral does not make a decision in the case but helps the parties to negotiate a settlement. Settlement conferences may be particularly helpful when the parties have very different views about the likely outcome of a trial in their case.

Neutral Evaluation: The parties briefly and informally present their facts and arguments to a neutral person who is often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. The neutral does not decide the outcome of the dispute, but helps the parties to do so by providing them with a non-binding opinion about the strengths, weaknesses and likely outcome of their case. Depending on the neutral evaluation process, and with the parties' consent, the neutral may then help the parties try to negotiate a settlement. Neutral evaluation may be appropriate when the parties desire a neutral's opinion about how the case might be resolved at trial; and, if the primary dispute is about the amount of damages or technical issues, the parties would like a neutral expert to resolve those disputes.

Arbitration: The parties present evidence and arguments to a neutral person or “arbitrator” who then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are generally more relaxed. If the parties agree to *binding* arbitration, they waive their right to a jury trial and agree to accept the arbitrator’s decision. With *nonbinding* arbitration, any party may reject the arbitrator’s decision and request a trial. Arbitration may be appropriate when the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute but would like to avoid the formality, time and expense of a trial, or desire an expert in the subject matter of their dispute to make a decision.

Local Court ADR Programs

The Superior Court, County of Kern offers two types of ADR: Arbitration in cases in which the amount in controversy as to each plaintiff is \$50,000 or less; and DRPA mediation services on the day of the hearing, settlement conference or trial.

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Dispute Resolution Program Act (DRPA): The Superior Court of California, County of Kern also offers mediation services in small claims and unlawful detainer, civil harassment, family law and probate matters. The Court has contracted with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) under the Dispute Resolution Programs Act (DRPA) to provide these mediation services. For more information about BBB Mediation Services go to <https://www.bbb.org/local-bbb/bbb-serving-central-california-and-inland-empire-counties>.

ADR Coordinator:

Although complaints about arbitrators and mediators are rare, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern does provide a complaint procedure in our Local Rules, Rule 3.14.7. If you have a complaint or a concern with any of this Court’s ADR programs, or simply have a question about ADR, please contact the ADR Administrator at ADRAdministrator@kern.courts.ca.gov or 661-868-5695.

Resources:

California Department of Consumer Affairs: https://www.dca.ca.gov/consumers/mediation_guides.shtml

Judicial Branch California Courts – ADR: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-adr.htm

ADR Stipulation Form: https://www.kern.courts.ca.gov/system/files/adr_stipulation_and_order_form.pdf

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, state bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name) :	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:	
ADR STIPULATION AND ORDER FORM	CASE NUMBER:

1. Pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.221(a)(4), the parties and their attorneys stipulate that all claims in this action will be submitted to the following alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process:

- a. ☐ Private Mediation.
- b. ☐ Neutral Evaluation.
- c. ☐ Binding Arbitration.
- d. ☐ Referee/Special Master.
- e. ☐ Settlement Conference with Private Neutral.
- f. ☐ Non-binding Judicial Arbitration pursuant to CCP§1141.10 et seq., and applicable Rules of Court.
- g. ☐ Discovery will remain open until 30 days before trial.
- h. ☐ Other:

2. It is also stipulated that

- a. _____ (name of individual neutral, not organization)
has consented to and will serve as
- b. _____ (neutral function/process) and that the session will take place on
- c. _____ (enter a FIRM date) and that all persons necessary to effect a settlement and having full authority to resolve the dispute will appear at such session.

PLAINTIFF:

CASE NUMBER:

DEFENDANT:

3. Date:

a. On behalf of Plaintiff/s

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

☐ Continued on *Attachment 3a* (form MC-025).

b. On behalf of Defendant/s

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

☐ Continued on *Attachment 3a* (form MC-025).

4. ORDER:

a. ☐ The ADR process is to be completed by

b. ☐ The Case Management Conference currently set for _____, at

☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. in Department _____:

i. ☐ Remains on calendar.

ii. ☐ Is hereby vacated.

c. ☐ Mediation Status Review.

d. ☐ Case Status Review re:

e. ☐ Final Case Management Conference is set for _____, at ☐ a.m.

☐ p.m. in Department _____

f. ☐ Judicial Arbitration Order Review Hearing will be set by notice upon assignment of arbitrator.

IT SO ORDERED.

Date:

JUDICIAL OFFICER

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

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): Nolan E. Dilts, Esq. (SBN 328904) Adamson Ahdoot LLP 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035		TELEPHONE NO.: 310.888.0024	FOR COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR (name): SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA and DAMIAN MORALES HERRERA			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: 1215 Truxtun Ave. MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, CA 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metro Justice Building			
PLAINTIFF: SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA, et al. DEFENDANT: COUNTY OF KERN, et al.			
STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)			CASE NUMBER: 26CUB03052

To (name of one defendant only): COUNTY OF KERN

Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only): SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA

seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

- | | AMOUNT |
|--|------------------|
| 1. General damages | |
| a. ☒ Pain, suffering, and inconvenience | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| b. ☒ Emotional distress | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| 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) | \$ 76,181.93 ++ |
| b. ☒ Future medical expenses (present value) | \$ 150,000.00 ++ |
| c. ☒ Loss of earnings (to date) | \$ TBD |
| d. ☒ Loss of future earning capacity (present value) | \$ TBD |
| e. ☒ Property damage | \$ 3,090.08 ++ |
| 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: October 9, 2026

Nolan E. Dilts, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)

(Proof of service on reverse)

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PLAINTIFF: SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA, et al.
 DEFENDANT: COUNTY OF KERN

CASE NUMBER:
 26CUB03052

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):
- 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:
- (2) place:

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:

Date:



(SIGNATURE)



(SIGNATURE)

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

TELEPHONE NO.: 310.888.0024 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name and Address</i>): Nolan E. Dilts, Esq. (SBN 328904) Adamson Ahdoort LLP 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035 ATTORNEY FOR (<i>name</i>): SONIA ALBERTA HERRERA and DAMIAN MORALES HERRERA	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)	CASE NUMBER: 26CUB03052

To (*name of one defendant only*): County of Kern

Plaintiff (*name of one plaintiff only*): Damian Morales Herrera, by and through his guardian ad litem, Sonia Alberta Herrera seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

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

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 DEFENDANT: COUNTY OF KERN, et al.

CASE NUMBER:
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- 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.)
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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:



(SIGNATURE)

Date:



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