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CONFIDENTIAL  
 MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

We understand that we are obtaining a Confidential Marriage License rather than a Non-Confidential Marriage License. The San Diego County Recorder/Clerk's office can reveal or verify the existence of the marriage to any member of the public, but the date of the marriage and any other information contained in the certificate cannot be disclosed. The confidential marriage license is a confidential record and not open to public inspection except upon order of the court.

A ceremony using a Confidential Marriage License may only be performed in San Diego County.

We also understand that a certified copy of a Confidential Marriage License may only be obtained by one of us. No other person, related or otherwise, is authorized to obtain a copy of this record without a court order. Certified copies of the marriage license can be obtained in person or by mail from the County Recorder/Clerk's Office. Requests for copies by mail must be accompanied by a notarized application available on the county website at [www.sdarcc.com](http://www.sdarcc.com). Certified copies are \$14.00 each.

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First Person Date

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Second Person Date

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APPLICATION FOR **CONFIDENTIAL** MARRIAGE LICENSE**

**TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ISSUED TO YOU, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW:**

**The person performing this marriage ceremony is (check one):**

- Clergy person (minister, priest, rabbi, etc.)                       Deputy Commissioner of Civil Marriages  
 Judge     Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commissioner or Retired Commissioner

- With this application, you are applying for a confidential marriage license issued pursuant to Family Code Section 500.
- When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury that you are 18 years of age or over, unmarried, and currently living together as spouses. The information you have provided is true and correct and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- **You have reviewed the information on the reverse side of this application pertaining to the New Names (If Any) fields, and understand the information in the new name fields 29A thru 30C cannot be changed or amended after the license is issued by this office.**
- You must be married in **San Diego** county. No witnesses are required to be present at the ceremony, nor are they authorized to sign on the marriage license. Your marriage must be solemnized by a person authorized to perform marriages in California as provided for in Family Code Sections 400-401.
- Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. You must be married on or after the issuance date, and on or before the expiration date of the license. Licenses not used within this timeframe are void.
- No refunds are given for marriage licenses purchased in error.

<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride FIRST PERSON DATA	1A. FIRST NAME				1B. MIDDLE					
	1C. CURRENT LAST				1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)					
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)		3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH		4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP		5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)	
	6. ADDRESS				7. CITY		8. STATE/COUNTRY		9. ZIP CODE	
	10A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT						10B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)			
11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT						11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride SECOND PERSON DATA	12A. FIRST NAME				12B. MIDDLE					
	12C. CURRENT LAST				12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)					
	13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)		14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH		15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP		16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)	
	17. ADDRESS				18. CITY		19. STATE/COUNTRY		20. ZIP CODE	
	21A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT						21B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)			
22A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT						22B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)				
AFFIDAVIT	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CURRENTLY LIVING TOGETHER AS SPOUSES, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE, NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A CONFIDENTIAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.									
	23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D					24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D				
<b>IF YOU WILL BE CHANGING YOUR NAME PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION</b>										
NEW NAME(S) (IF ANY) (SEE REVERSE)	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)									
	29A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 1A			29B. MIDDLE			29C. LAST			
	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)									
30A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 12A			30B. MIDDLE			30C. LAST				

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAME EQUALITY ACT OF 2007

One or both parties to a marriage may elect to change the middle or last names by which that party wishes to be known after they are married by entering the new name in fields 29A thru 30C, as applicable, on the marriage license application **at the time they are applying for the marriage license**. The parties may choose any of the following **middle or last names** as the name they wish to be known as after marriage [FC § 306.5(b)(2)]:

**Each party to the marriage may adopt any of the following last names:**

- ◆ Current last name of the other spouse
- ◆ Last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A name combining into a **single last name** all or a segment of the current last name or last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A hyphenated combination of last names

**Each party to the marriage may adopt any of the following middle names:**

- ◆ Current last name of either spouse
- ◆ Last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse
- ◆ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the birth last name of the person or spouse

**NOTE:** You may **not** change your **first name** using this process. **IMPORTANT:** You **may not** amend the marriage license **after it has been issued to add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married**. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk.

You are not required to change your name, nor are parties required to have the same name.

If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, fields 29A thru 30C, as applicable, on the marriage license will be completed with two single dashes. You may not change the information on the marriage license after it has been issued by the County Clerk.

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different rules and/or regulations regarding what documents are acceptable to change your name on their records following marriage. It is recommended that you contact these agencies to verify their requirements **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

It is unlawful for our employees to answer questions of a legal nature. County Clerk staff cannot advise you how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to your entry of a new name or retention of your former name on the marriage license application. For your protection, if you have **any** questions regarding whether you should or should not list your new name on the marriage license application, and/or how the Name Equality Act of 2007 may affect you, please consult an attorney **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

**I have read the above information regarding The Name Equality Act of 2007**

**Signature of First Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Second Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_