

# THIS IS NOT A RESTRAINING ORDER

Location: _____ Courthouse		<b>DO NOT FILE</b> Original-Petitioner Copy-Respondent Copy-Mediator
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:	DEPARTMENT NO.:	
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:	HEARING DATE:	
<b>MUTUAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b>		COURT CASE NUMBER:

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED, BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THAT** this matter is deemed settled pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

**IMPORTANT: Your initials at the bottom of this page and signature on page 2 show that you accept each term of the agreement.**

1. We agree not to communicate with each other directly or through persons acting on our behalf. This includes face-to-face conversation, non-verbal gestures or actions (body language), social media, email, text messages, phone calls, letters, faxes, and any other kind of online or other communication. We also agree that we will not ask other people to communicate in these ways for us.
2. We agree to stay away from each other and each other's property. This includes the:  residence;  motor vehicle;  workplace;  other \_\_\_\_\_
3. We agree that if we see each other in public places or private homes, we will leave, walk away, or stay away from each other and each other's property.
4. We agree not to gossip, talk about or write about each other to anyone. If someone asks us about the other person, in person or online, we will either say nothing or we will use neutral language. This means that we will not use any negative words or words that disrespect the other person. This applies to face-to-face communication and to all the types of communication described in paragraph 1.
5. We understand that we have the right to a court hearing concerning the claims and defenses in this particular dispute. In that hearing, we could present witness testimony and other evidence. We agree that by signing this Mutual Settlement Agreement, there will be no court hearing and this case will be dismissed without prejudice today. If a temporary restraining order was earlier issued, we understand that it will be dismissed (canceled) by the Court today.

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6. OTHER AGREEMENTS:

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7. We understand that this Mutual Settlement Agreement is not a temporary or permanent restraining order or any other form of court order. It is our agreement (contract) concerning the settlement of this dispute.

8. We understand that if one or both of us cause future harassment or make a credible threat of violence, either of us can seek assistance from the police and/or file a new request for a restraining order.

9. In addition to seeking a new restraining order in the future (described in paragraph 8, above), we also understand that if one (or both) of us claims in the future that the other has not obeyed) this Mutual Settlement Agreement, that party (person) may seek to enforce this Mutual Settlement Agreement in a new and separate lawsuit.

10. We understand that this Mutual Settlement Agreement will not be made part of the court's file at this time and the Court will not keep a copy, so we will each keep our own copies in case there are court proceedings in the future.

Additional pages attached (number)\_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF)

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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF)

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(SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT)

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(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT)