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6 Pro Se Plaintiff

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11		Case Number	[leave blank]
12	Plaintiff,		
13	v.	<b>COMPLAINT</b>	
14			
15	Defendant.	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
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18 **I. PARTIES**

- 19 1. Plaintiff. [Write your name, address, and phone number. Add a page for additional plaintiffs.]
- 20 Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 24 2. Defendants. [Write each defendant's full name, address, and phone number.]
- 25 Defendant 1:
- 26 Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Defendant 2:

2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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5 Defendant 3:

6 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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10 **II. JURISDICTION**

11 Usually only two types of cases can be filed in federal court, cases involving “federal questions” and cases  
12 involving “diversity of citizenship.” Check at least one box.

13 3. My case belongs in federal court

14  under federal question jurisdiction because it involves a federal law or right.

15 Which federal law or right is involved?

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17  under diversity jurisdiction because none of the plaintiffs live in the same state as any of the  
18 defendants and the amount of damages is more than \$75,000.

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20 **III. VENUE**

21 The counties in this District are: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino,  
22 Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, or Sonoma. If one of the  
23 venue options below applies to your case, this District Court is the correct place to file your lawsuit. Check  
24 the box for each venue option that applies.

25 4. Venue is appropriate in this Court because:

26  a substantial part of the events I am suing about happened in this district.

27  a substantial part of the property I am suing about is located in this district.

28  I am suing the U.S. government, federal agency, or federal official in his or her official capacity and

1 I live in this district.

2  at least one defendant is located in this District and any other defendants are located in California.

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4 **IV. INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

5 This District has three divisions: (1) San Francisco/Oakland (2) San Jose; and (3) Eureka-McKinleyville.

6 First write in the county in which the events you are suing about happened, and then match it to the correct  
7 division. The San Francisco/Oakland division covers Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco,  
8 San Mateo, and Sonoma counties. The San Jose division covers Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa  
9 Cruz counties. The Eureka-McKinleyville division covers Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino  
10 counties, only if all parties consent to a magistrate judge.

11 1. Because this lawsuit arose in \_\_\_\_\_ County, it should be assigned to the  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ Division of this Court.

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14 **V. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

15 Write a short and simple description of the facts of your case. Include basic details such as where the events  
16 happened, when things happened and who was involved. Put each fact into a separate, numbered paragraph,  
17 starting with paragraph number 6. Use more pages as needed.

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**VI. CLAIMS**

**First Claim**

Name the law or right violated:

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Name the defendants who violated it:

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Explain briefly here what the law is, what each defendant did to violate it, and how you were harmed. You do not need to make legal arguments. You can refer to your statement of facts.

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**VII. DEMAND FOR RELIEF**

State what you want the Court to do. Depending on your claims, you may ask the Court to award you money or order the defendant to do something or stop doing something. If you are asking for money, you can say how much you are asking for and why you should get that amount, or describe the different kinds of harm caused by the defendant.

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**VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Check this box if you want your case to be decided by a jury, instead of a judge, if allowed.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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