

ATTACHMENT 11C

Purpose:

This statement provides context and a clear picture of why I am filing for divorce from the Respondent. It also clearly states what I am asking for in terms of support until I can find work in my field that allows me to support myself fully. The details and requests are bulleted at the bottom of this attachment.

Background:

Since our separation in June 2023, when I—the Petitioner—moved myself and my personal belongings out of the home at my expense at the Respondent's request, I have been living out of my car due to unemployment, financial instability, and lack of support.

Our 22-year marriage provided a stable and supportive environment, fulfilling our basic physiological and safety needs in the exact location where we raised our three adult children: Aidan (24), Declan (21), and Darragh (18). Since our separation, I have lived in stark contrast, experiencing severe financial, emotional, and psychological hardship while the Respondent continues to enjoy the comforts of our former life.

Respondent first stated they wanted the divorce in December of 2021; I tried to reconcile by engaging a licensed therapist to help us resolve issues. I was living in the home but on the couch. Unfortunately, my efforts in getting a therapist to help didn't work out.

After initially wanting the divorce, the Respondent dragged her feet to file. When I asked her last summer, in July 2023, why she hadn't filed, She replied because then I wouldn't have healthcare coverage. This past May 2024, the Respondent renewed the policy. She chose not to include me in coverage any longer but still had not filed for divorce. I am still waiting for an answer as to why she did that without telling me when I asked the Respondent about this.

These actions left me transitioning to Medi-Cal because I have no income and no other recourse. I have documented mental illness, and medication is part of how I manage it. While writing this, I find myself possibly going cold turkey off depression medication because of this situation and lack of access to prescription renewals—bureaucracy and red tape.

Please see the attached letter from my therapist stating my condition.

I am currently homeless, living out of my car, and struggling to meet my most basic physiological needs, such as food, shelter, and medical care. My situation has persisted for 15 months through no fault of my own. I urgently need assistance as I do not qualify for federal or state unemployment insurance and lack an accessible mailing address, making it extremely difficult to communicate with any agency for benefits.

The attached photos [Exhibits A, B, and C] illustrate my living conditions. Exhibit A shows the inside of my car, where I sleep and store my personal belongings. Exhibit B and Exhibit C show the various places I park at night, including public parking lots and streets.

This ongoing 15-month instability has exacerbated my clinical depression and anxiety, severely impacting my physical, psychological, and emotional well-being. It has made it difficult for me to function day-to-day and achieve economic stability. I lack access to necessities such as a secure and private home space, proper sanitation, and regular meals.

Despite my financial and emotional struggles, I continued to pay for my wife's car insurance, further depleting my limited resources. My wife was fully aware of my financial struggles after our separation and did nothing to alleviate my burden.

Additionally, my wife's substantial income, the benefit of living in a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath home with utilities all provided for free as an additional benefit within the gated campus of The Thacher School in the east end of Ojai, and her side business earnings through horse training, her fine art business at festivals and online, and personal pet portrait commissions demonstrate her capacity to provide this support. My tax documentation for the last two years is attached, and I have submitted form 150, a statement of earnings providing more detail.

I respectfully request spousal support to help me regain financial stability and manage my health issues for my well-being. The disparity in our living conditions and economic stability is stark. I need assistance to address my basic physiological and safety needs, which are currently unmet and have been for over a year.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and humanity. I greatly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Key Events and Changes:

- In 2013, during the Respondent's sabbatical, we moved to downtown Ojai.
- The Respondent began training horses and competing in many more triathlons, significantly impacting our relationship and family.
- Her horse training and triathlon pursuits demanded extensive time, and a conservative estimate is over 500 hours between horse training and training per year.

Impact on Relationship:

- The Respondent's triathlon training routine included daily sessions, sometimes lasting up to 13 hours. The training left little time for our relationship.
- I supported her endeavors, managing our household and caring for our children during her absences.

Efforts to Maintain Relationship:

- Despite her busy schedule, we agreed to spend one evening a week together. However, she frequently postponed and rarely rescheduled or followed through.

Efforts to Repair Relationship:

- I found a licensed therapist to bring us together and see if we could repair our relationship. I wanted to heal and stay together. I loved my wife.

Emotional and Mental Impact:

- Over the years, I experienced severe depression, exacerbated by feeling neglected and unsupported by the Respondent.
- My mental health struggles prevented me from effectively communicating my needs, and I sadly turned to self-medicating for solace.
- I have attached a statement from my licensed therapist stating my condition and treatment plan.
- I've attached a list of medications I take for depression.

Specific Incident Leading to Divorce:

- On July 4th, 2020, an event during the COVID-19 pandemic triggered a significant conflict between us. Our perceptions of this event differ significantly, highlighting our irreconcilable differences.

The Respondent's Actions:

- The Respondent mentioned wanting a divorce but delayed filing, citing my lack of a job and health insurance. In May 2024, she removed me from her health policy without a clear explanation.

Requests:

- Given the continued emotional strain and lack of resolution, I am filing for divorce due to irreconcilable differences.
- I request a 50/50 split of debts listed in my documentation.
- I request a specific painting and
- I request monthly financial spousal support for living expenses like an apartment and food until I can find suitable employment to support myself. Not being sheltered aggravates my depression and anxiety.
- I lived in the east end of Ojai for 25 years. For reference, a one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment on that side of town costs roughly **\$ 3,000 per month**. Ojai is a costly undertaking.
- I request **\$3,000 monthly** to cover apartment costs until I am financially stable enough to take over payments.
- I request to be paid back for half (**50%**) of all credit card debts incurred under my name and listed in my documentation. Charges vary from cellphone bills to the Respondent's triathlon bicycle and the washer and dryer in the Respondent's home.
- I request reimbursement for all costs associated with moving out of the residence at the Respondent's request.
- Reimbursement includes all monthly payments for storage space since moving out (statement attached) and vehicle payments made (for housing) since June 2023 (statement attached).
- I request that the Respondent pay the **\$200** monthly fee for storing my stuff at its current location until I can take over payments when it is financially stable.
- I request that the Respondent pay my **\$440** monthly car payment for **three months** as reimbursement for my paying her car insurance on the Subaru for a year (~\$1200)

- I request 50% of the Respondent's retirement assets, namely the TIAA account. I have no retirement savings of any kind whatsoever.
- I liquidated everything I had saved for retirement to support myself while moving out at the Respondent's request.

