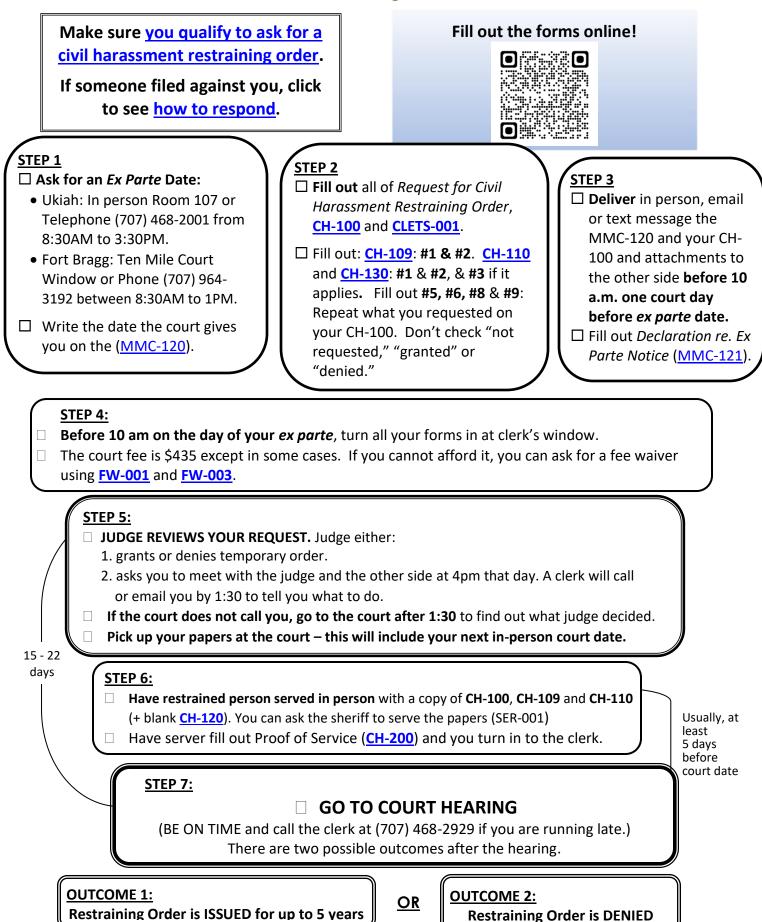
## **Civil Harassment Restraining Order**

**Mendocino County** 



➔ For more info, go to the California Courts <u>Self-Help Center Portal:</u> <u>https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/CH-restraining-order</u>

## Do you qualify to ask for a civil harassment restraining order?

The court can issue a **Civil Harassment Restraining Order** regardless of what relationship you have to the person you need protection from. Other kinds of restraining orders may be better for your situation:

- → If you are closely related to the person you need protection from, or you are or were their intimate partner, you may be able to ask for a <u>Domestic Violence Restraining</u> <u>Order</u> instead.
- → If you are over 65 or a dependent adult, you may be able to ask for an <u>Elder or</u> <u>Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order</u> instead.
- → Choose <u>Restraining Orders-Help Me Choose the Correct Interview</u> (<u>https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/restraining-orders</u>) to see which type of restraining order you may ask for.

## For the Person Responding

If someone has asked for a restraining order against you, you can oppose the request by responding to the court, in writing.

- File your response by 10AM the day the judge will consider the ex parte request (date on form MMC-120) either in person at the clerk's filing window or by email at exparte@mendocino.courts.ca.gov. Use form MC-030 or a sheet of paper to explain your side. Write your and the other side's name, & case number if you have one.
- 2. Read the information about the Judge reviewing the request on page 1. It applies to you too.
- 3. After the judge's decision, the other side will have to serve you papers, in person, by a deadline (usually at least 5 days before the court date).
- 4. You can respond, before the court date, using <u>CH-120</u>, before the hearing. If you do, have someone 18 or older not you serve a copy on the person asking for the order. Your server then fills out a Proof of Service (<u>CH-200</u> or <u>CH-250</u>).
- 5. Go to court on the date written on the CH-109 that you were served.