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4 [FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY: This is a Settlement Conference Statement (SCS).  
5 These are Court ordered statements that need to be filed a set amount of time ahead of a  
6 Settlement Conference. These are extremely helpful and valuable tools when it comes to the  
7 negotiation of the unresolved issues in your matter. These statements narrow down the issues at  
8 hand and lay out for the Court and Opposing Party/Counsel your position and proposed resolution  
9 on each contested issue. They are also a good guide for you to 'work off of' when you are at your  
10 Settlement Conference. They help you plan and keep you on track for your discussions. Note:  
11 Some counties have local rules that require additional statements to be included in your SCS.  
12 Check your county's court website to find local rules pertaining to Family Law (divorce) cases.]

11 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
12 **COUNTY OF [COUNTY NAME]**

14 **In Re the Marriage of**

15 **[PETITIONER'S NAME]**

16 **Petitioner,**

17 **and**

18 **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]**

19 **Respondent.**

) **Case No. [CASE NUMBER]**

) **[PETITIONER'S/RESPONDENT'S\  
5 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
6 STATEMENT OF CONTESTED ISSUES**

) **Date:  
7 Time:  
8 Dept:**

23 **I.**  
24 **STATISTICAL FACTS**

25 Date of Marriage: [DATE]  
26 Date of Separation: [DATE]  
27 Duration of Marriage: [NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED]  
28 Children: [NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH]

1 Issues with Regard to Statistical Facts: None

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3 **II.**

4 **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

5 [INSERT BOTH STATISTICAL FACTS AND PROCEDURAL FACTS HERE. FOR  
6 EXAMPLE, "THE PARTIES WERE MARRIED ON \_\_\_\_\_ AND SEPARATED ON  
7 \_\_\_\_\_. THEY HAVE \_\_\_ MINOR CHILD/REN, [[NAME]], [[DATE OF BIRTH]].  
8 INCLUDE ANY PROCEDURAL FACTS THAT THE COURT SHOULD KNOW. FOR  
9 EXAMPLE, PETITIONER FILED A PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE ON  
10 [[DATE]]. RESPONDENT FILED A RESPONSE ON [[DATE]].

11 INSERT FACTS RELATED TO BOTH PARTIES' EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING  
12 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND POSITION.

13 IF THERE ARE ANY CURRENT ORDERS, STATE THE DATE THE ORDER WAS  
14 FILED AND A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE ORDER. FOR EXAMPLE, A STIPULATION  
15 AND ORDER REGARDING SPOUSAL SUPPORT WAS FILED ON [[DATE]]. PER THIS  
16 ORDER, PETITIONER/RESPONDENT SHALL PAY TO PETITIONER/RESPONDENT THE  
17 AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_ PER MONTH.

18 **III.**

19 **SUMMARY OF DISPUTED ISSUES**

20 **1. Spousal Support:**

21 This is a [SHORT TERM/LONG TERM] marriage. [AGAIN, STATE BOTH  
22 PARTIES' EMPLOYMENT SITUATIONS AND THE CURRENT ORDER OR SITUATION  
23 REGARDING SPOUSAL SUPPORT.

24 [WRITE OUT YOUR POSITION REGARDING SPOUSAL SUPPORT, WHAT YOU  
25 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ORDERED AND WHAT THAT REQUEST IS BASED ON.  
26 INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS FROM FAMILY CODE  
27 SECTION 4320: EMPLOYMENT SKILLS OF THE SUPPORTED PARTIES, WHETHER THE  
28 SUPPORTED SPOUSE SPENT TIME AWAY FROM EMPLOYMENT TO CARE FOR  
CHILDREN/ATTEND TO DOMESTIC DUTIES; THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE

1 SUPPORTED SPOUSE HELPED THE PAYOR GET AN EDUCATION OR ADVANCE  
2 HER/HIS CAREER; ABILITY OF THE SUPPORTING PARTY TO PAY SUPPORT; THE  
3 NEEDS OF EACH PARTY BASED ON THE STANDARD OF LIVING DURING THE  
4 MARRIAGE; DEBTS AND ASSETS OF EACH PARTY; LENGTH OF MARRIAGE—  
5 SHORT TERM (LESS THAN 10 YEARS), LONG TERM (MORE THAN 10 YEARS); WILL  
6 THE SUPPORTED PARTY’S ENTERING WORK FORCE BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE  
7 NEEDS OF THE CHILD(REN); AGE AND HEALTH OF THE PARTIES; WAS THERE  
8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE MARRIAGE? PERPETRATED BY WHOM? ANY  
9 CRIMINAL ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS?; IMMEDIATE AND SPECIFIC TAX  
10 CONSEQUENCES; BALANCE OF HARDSHIPS; HOW LONG WILL SUPPORT GO. IF  
11 YOU ARE REQUESTING THAT SUPPORT TERMINATE (WAIVED) AS TO YOU OR  
YOUR SPOUSE, MAKE SURE YOU STATE THIS AND EXPLAIN WHY.]

12 **2. Child Support:**

13 STATE THE CURRENT ORDER OR SITUATION REGARDING CHILD  
14 SUPPORT.

15 [WRITE OUT YOUR POSITION REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT, WHAT YOU  
16 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ORDERED AND WHAT THAT REQUEST IS BASED ON.  
17 ATTACH YOUR PROPOSED CALCULATION. HAVE AN ATTORNEY CALCULATE FOR  
18 YOU IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO.]

19 **3. Child Custody and Visitation:**

20 [STATE THE CURRENT ORDER AND/OR TIMESHARE AND HOW IT IS  
21 WORKING OUT FOR BOTH THE PARTIES AND CHILD/REN. LIST ANY CONCERNS  
22 THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

23 [WRITE OUT YOUR POSITION REGARDING CHILD CUSTODY AND  
24 VISITATION, WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ORDERED AND WHAT THAT  
25 REQUEST IS BASED ON.]

26 **Documents, Schedules, Summaries and Expert Reports:**

27 [PETITIONER/RESPONDENT] anticipates documents, schedules and summaries, will be  
28 presented at trial. The specific nature of these items is currently unknown.

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**Other Witnesses:** [PETITIONER/RESPONDENT] is currently unaware of witnesses to be called at trial but will submit a Witness list in accord with any pre-trial Order, should the matter proceed.

**Points and Authorities and Legal Arguments:** [PETITIONER/RESPONDENT] will submit a Trial Brief in accord with the pre-trial Order, should this matter proceed to trial.

**Income and Expense Declaration:** An updated Income and Expense Declaration will be filed should this matter proceed to trial.

**Schedule of Assets and Debts:** If this matter is not resolved through settlement efforts, exchange of Final Declarations of Disclosure will be necessary.

Dated:

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[NAME AND SIGNATURE]