hello divorce.

California Uncontested Divorce Process Flowchart

File Petition and Summons
(+ UCCJEA if you have kids)

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Serve filed Petition on spouse within 60 days
(the date it is signed starts the mandatory 6 month waiting period)

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File Proof of Service or spouse's **Acknowledgment of Service**

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Did spouse file a Response within 30 days?

Need temporary child or spousal support? File a Request for Orders when or after you file the Petition.

YES

Both spouses prepare **Financial Disclosures** within 60 days of filing Petition

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3rd party mails (serves) Financial Disclosures to spouse

NO

Petitioner prepares **Financial Disclosures** within 60 days of filing Petition (+ Respondent if county or Petitioner requires it)

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3rd party mails (serves) Financial Disclosures to spouse

Divorce Agreement

Can you and your spouse agree on the terms of your divorce?

No. Complicated issues/high conflict. → **Lawyer (hourly or full rep)** → **Lawyers negotiate out of court** (time frame depends on the issues and spouses' ability to reach an agreement).

Somewhat. Amicable, but need help settling some issues. → **Mediator (hourly support)** → **Mediator (or lawyer) helps settles issues,** then prepares final Agreement and Judgment forms.

Yes. Agreement terms settled. → **Petitioner prepares and files final agreement and Judgment forms.**

Spouse absent or refuses to cooperate. → **True Default** → **File Request for Default Judgment without Agreement and submit Judgment forms.**

If unable to agree, go to court (case becomes contested) → Both spouses sign, notarize, and file final **Agreement and Judgment forms**

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Processing times vary by county. Some courts can finalize a divorce within a month, others take several months.

Need help preparing or filing? Hello Divorce can help every step of the way. See our plans.