

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA vs. DEFENDANT:		FOR COURT USE ONLY CASE NUMBER:
Hearing Date:	Time:	Department:
PETITION TO PROCEED IN PROPRIA PERSONA		

Initials

1. I understand that I have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings and that if I do not have sufficient funds to employ a lawyer, one will be appointed for me by the court. However, if I have a court-appointed attorney, I will be required to submit financial declarations to the court and, following hearings about my ability to reimburse the court, the court could order me to reimburse the county for my court-appointed attorney.

2. I further understand that it is the advice and recommendation of this court that I do not represent myself, and that I accept counsel appointed by the court; and further, that if I do persist in my motion to act in pro per, that it is the advice and recommendation of this court that I at least wait until I meet the attorney who is assigned to try my case before I give up my valuable right to legal representation.

3. I understand that if I am permitted to represent myself, it will be necessary for me, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, to follow all of the many technical rules of substantive law, criminal procedure and evidence.

4. I understand that the People's case will be handled by an attorney who is experienced and highly specialized in the trial of both court and jury trials, and that I will not be entitled to special consideration by the court during the course of the trial

5. I understand that if I am permitted to represent myself it will be necessary for me, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, to conduct my own trial consisting of (but not limited to):
 - a. Making pretrial and preliminary motions.
 - b. Impanelment of jury.
 - c. Making an opening statement.
 - d. Cross-examining of the witnesses for the prosecution.
 - e. Subpoenaing and presenting my own witnesses.
 - f. Making appropriate objections and motions during the course of the trial.
 - g. Preparing and presenting to the court proposed jury instructions.
 - h. Making the final argument.

6. I understand that in the event of a conviction and an appeal, by acting as my own lawyer, I give up and waive as a possible ground of appeal my constitutional right to effective assistance of counsel.
