



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings
1426 South Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

**Joinder of the Other Parent in a
Governmental Action
(FC 17404)**

THERE IS NOT FEE FOR THIS PACKET

? What is the purpose of this motion?

To seek to join the "other parent" as a party to the case. Either parent may then raise issues concerning support, custody, visitation, and restraining orders. Other issues may not be raised in this action. Either parent can go to court to modify the support order, but the child support agency must first be given notice of the hearing date.

? Who can file this motion?

This request to be added as a party may be filed by the respondent or the other parent.

This motion may be filed:

- **IF** a parent is receiving child support enforcement services through the Department of Child Support Services, but the "other parent" **was not** previously joined as a party in the support order or judgment.

This motion may NOT be file:

- This motion **may not** be filed if a paternity judgment has not been entered. If a party is seeking to join a case in which paternity has not been established, he or she must file his or her own case. For further information on how to do this seek the advice of a lawyer or the family law facilitator.

? What is the fee to file my motion*?

* The filing fees only apply if issues are being addressed **other than** child support.

First Appearance made in the case	\$ 395.00
Notice of Motion –Joinder of Other Parent	\$ 40.00

*You may apply for these fees to be waived, if you are eligible.
Ask the clerk for a Fee Waiver Packet.*

? Which form do I fill out to obtain a hearing date?

Form name and number:	Last revised on:	# of pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion and Declaration for Joinder of Other Parent in Governmental Action (FL 661)	01-01-03	5
<p><i>Note:</i> This motion may be filed along with an Order to Show Cause (form FL 300) or Notice of Motion (form FL 301) requesting support, custody, visitation, or restraining order. Please note this motion has its own filing fee.</p> <p><i>Instructions on form?</i> Read the information sheet on pages 4 and 5 of this form (FL661).</p> <p><i>How do I obtain a hearing date?</i></p> <p>Option #1- "Reserve a hearing date"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be done by contacting the clerk's office in person or by telephone at (559) 582-1010 ext. 3074. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once this date is received, you may place it on your form and have it served to all parties involved. <p>ALERT! This hearing date is NOT set until the Motion is filed with the court.</p> <p>Option #2- File your Motion, then retrieve a hearing date from the clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this method is done, you will need to file a separate proof of service for each party served. 		

? Who gets notice of this motion and how?

This form gives detailed instructions on how to serve the Department of Child Support Services and the other parent in the case.

<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheet for Service of Process (FL 611)	01-01-03	1
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Online assistance:		
http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp State of California <i>Self-help website</i>	www.kings.courts.ca.gov Kings County Superior Court <i>General website</i>	www.leginfo.ca.gov <i>Official California Legislative Information website</i>