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To: Judge, Clergy Person, or Commissioner Performing the Marriage Ceremony (Confidential License)

Please review this marriage license prior to the ceremony. You should confirm that you are performing the ceremony on or after the date shown in Item 25A, and on or before the date shown in Item 25B.

Any person who solemnizes a marriage without first reviewing the marriage license is guilty of a misdemeanor (Penal Code Section 360).

Make **NO** ALTERATIONS, ERASURES, STIKE OVERS, OR WHITE OUT on the marriage license. Licenses received with alterations, erasures, strike overs, whiteout, etc., will be returned and a duplicate license will have to be purchased by the person who performed the ceremony.

All sections on the marriage license must be completed in permanent dark ink. It is preferred that you use **BLACK** ink; however, Health and Safety Code Section 102130 only requires that the license be photographically and micrographically reproducible. Licenses received that contain ink that is not photographically and micrographically reproducible will be returned to the officiant and a duplicate license will need to be purchased by the person who performed the ceremony.

No witnesses to the ceremony are required, nor are they allowed to sign on the confidential marriage license.

In addition, no particular form for the ceremony of marriage is required for solemnization of the marriage, however, the parties **shall declare in the physical presence of the person solemnizing the marriage and necessary witnesses**, that they take each other as spouses (Family Code Section 420(a)).

Items 27A through 28E are to be completed by you. Do not omit any information. The information required is as follows:

Item 27A – Enter the date of the marriage ceremony. Enter as MM/DD/CCYY

Item 27B – Enter the city/town of where the marriage ceremony took place.

Item 27C – Enter the county where the marriage ceremony took place.

Item 28A – Sign your usual and customary signature. Stay within the boxed area.

Item 28B – A clergy person (minister, pastor, online-ordained ministers etc.) should enter his/her religious denomination. Non-denominational may also be entered. Non-clergy and commissioners should enter a dash (-). **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.**

Item 28C – Type or print your name.

Item 28D – Type or print your official title (the title that gives you the legal authority to perform the marriage as listed in Family Code Sections 400-402).

Item 28E – Enter your Address, City, State, and Zip Code. You may use a street address, business address, or a U.S. P.O. Box.

Mail or deliver the original license within 10 days of the ceremony to the County Clerk's Office at the address shown in Item 25G on the marriage license.

