SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA Civil Division 600 Administration Drive, Room 107J Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-521-6610 <u>www.sonoma.courts.ca.gov</u> <u>SELF-HELP CENTER</u> 707-521-6534

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Petition for Recognition of Change of Gender and Issuance of New Birth Certificate

The fee for filing is **\$435.00** payable at the time of filing. You may qualify to have this fee waived. The following forms may be obtained on the <u>www.sonoma.courts.ca.gov</u> website or at from the Courthouse: Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs FW-001-INFO Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-001) and Order on Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-003). If you qualify to have the fees waived submit these forms with your Petition for Change of Name.

Included in this packet are the forms you will need when applying for a change of name and gender. After you have completed the forms make two photocopies of each of the forms you will be presenting to the court.

INFORMATION ABOUT NAME CHANGE PETITIONS

The originals of the forms and at least one copy must be submitted with the filing fee.

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your documents. Your copy or copies, of order will be mailed to you in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided by you.

1. **Documents to File**: File the forms listed above. Enclose a check in the amount of \$40.00 for each certified copy of the decree you require and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. This will eliminate the need for you to come back to the Clerk's Office to have copies made at a later time.

Pursuant to CCP 1279.5, the Court is required to contact the California Justice Information System and California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System to determine if the applicant is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or is a registered sex offender.