PARENTAGE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

How to Cancel a Filed Voluntary Declaration of Parentage

Who can cancel a Voluntary Declaration of Parentage?

- Either parent who signed the Declaration can cancel or "rescind" it **within 60 days** of the date the last parent signed, unless a court order for custody, visitation, or child support has been made in a case where the person seeking the cancellation is a party. This is officially called a "rescission" and CANCELS the legal parent/child relationship created by the Declaration. Only one parent's signature is required to rescind a Declaration.

- If either parent was under 18 when they signed the Declaration, different rules apply. Please visit us online at CalParentage.org.

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- The date must be within **60 days of signing the Declaration,** unless you are under 18 (see above)

- Complete a **"Recission Form" (DCSS 0915)** available online or by email, contact info below

- Your signature **must be witnessed by a Notary Public** and you must submit the original form DCSS 0915, no photocopies accepted.

- The parent requesting cancellation **must mail a copy to the other signer of the Declaration,** even if you live together and share an address. **Proof of mailing is required.**

- Send original completed form and proof of mailing to Parentage Opportunity Program, P.O. Box 419070, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. **The envelope must be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date the Declaration was signed.**

It's easy to establish legal parentage without going to court — *and it's free!*

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