

## WHAT IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER?

# DVROs Save Lives.

A Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) is a court order designed to protect a victim and their children from harm or harassment by ordering that the restrained person not contact the protected parties and stay away from the victim's home, workplace, or school, among other orders.

### WHAT CAN IT DO?

- Grant exclusive custody of a child or pet
- Order the abuser to vacate a shared residence
- Time off from work
- Require the abuser to cover lost wages, attorney fees, child support, spousal support, or medical expenses
- Prohibit the abuser from possessing or purchasing firearms or ammunition

### HOW CAN YOU GET A DVRO?

- Contact a Domestic Violence support services agency
- Scan here to contact the CA Courts Self Help Center: [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/DV-restraining-order](https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/DV-restraining-order)
- Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-SAFE



### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic Violence (DV) is a pattern of behavior used by one person to exert power and control over another in an intimate or close family relationship.

DV can include, but is not limited to, **physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, digital, economic, and/or litigation abuse, and coercive control**. Anyone can be a victim of DV or Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) but historically marginalized populations, such as BIPOC women, immigrants, refugees, people with disabilities, nonbinary, and trans folks are particularly vulnerable.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
[\_\_\_\_\_] DISTRICT  
[COURTHOUSE \_\_, DEPT. \_\_]

Petitioner,

v.

Respondent.

} Case No.

} FINDINGS AND ORDER RE OPERATION  
OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING  
EQUIPMENT

Now before the court is a hearing or trial ("this proceeding") involving disputed issues of fact and/or law and concerning one or more of the following:

\_\_\_ The status of the parties' marriage.

\_\_\_ The parentage of a minor child.

\_\_\_ Custody orders relating to a minor child.

\_\_\_ The guardianship of a person involving parental custody rights.

\_\_\_ The conservatorship of a person involving fundamental and/or liberty interests protected by the Constitutions of the United States and/or the State of California.

\_\_\_ A restraining order petition.

\_\_\_ A civil contempt proceeding.

This proceeding thus concerns constitutionally protected fundamental and/or liberty interests.

1 One or more of the parties want to have a verbatim record of this proceeding to allow  
2 the possibility of appellate review.

3 The court finds all of the following:

- 4 • The LASC is unable to supply a court-employed certified shorthand reporter  
5 (“CSR”) for this proceeding on the date and at the time it is set to commence;
- 6 • One or more parties attempted to secure the services of a private CSR to  
7 report these proceedings but could not do so, because no CSR’s service could  
8 be obtained, or the party/parties did not attempt to secure such services,  
9 because they could not reasonably afford to pay for such services;
- 10 • The proceeding involves significant legal and/or factual issues such that a  
11 verbatim record is likely necessary to create a record of sufficient  
12 completeness on appeal; and
- 13 • The interests of justice do not permit this proceeding to be continued to see if  
14 an LASC-supplied CSR is available at a later date to create a verbatim record.

15 Having considered the Presiding Judge’s General Order of September 5, 2024, as  
16 supported by the Declaration of Court Executive Officer and Clerk of Court David W.  
17 Slayton, the court finds that Government Code section 69957(a)’s prohibitions on the use of  
18 “electronic recording technology or equipment to make an unofficial record of an action or  
19 proceeding, including for purposes of judicial notetaking, or to make the official record of an  
20 action or proceeding in circumstances not authorized by this section” are unconstitutional as  
21 applied to this proceeding.

22 Therefore, the court hereby orders the Judicial Assistant to turn on the electronic  
23 recording equipment in this department for this proceeding only for the purpose of creating a  
24 verbatim record.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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27 Dated:

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Judge of the Superior Court