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To: Risk Manager

Date: 7/22/24

From: City Clerk's Office

Re: _____

(Claimant / Plaintiff / Requester)

Our office received the following document/s:

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City of National City



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CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read entire claim form before filing.
2. This claim form must be signed at bottom.
3. Attach separate sheets, if necessary, to give full details. SIGN EACH SHEET.
4. Claims must be filed with the City Clerk, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950 (619) 336-4228.
5. Inquiries regarding status of filed claims should be directed to the Risk Manager at (619) 336-4370.

Attention: City Clerk

The undersigned hereby presents the following claim to the City of National City, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

1. Name of Claimant: [REDACTED] (see addendum)
2. Home Address of Claimant: [REDACTED] National City, CA 91950
Home Telephone Number: _____ /Cell: _____
Email: dmartini@singletonschreiber.com
3. Give address to which you desire notices or communications to be sent regarding this claim:
J. Domenic Martini, Esq., 591 Camino De La Reina, 1025, San Diego, CA 92108
4. How did DAMAGE or INJURY occur? Give full particulars:
See claim addendum.

5. When did DAMAGE or INJURY occur? Give the date and time of day:
January 22, 2024
6. Where did DAMAGE or INJURY occur? Describe fully, and attach diagram where appropriate. Give street names and addresses and measurements from landmarks:
See claim addendum

7. What particular ACT or OMISSION do you claim caused the injury or damage? Give names of City employees causing the injury or damage, if known:
See claim addendum

8. What DAMAGE or INJURIES do you claim resulted? Give full extent of injuries or damages claimed:
See claim addendum

9. NAMES of physicians, hospitals, etc.:
See claim addendum

10. What AMOUNT do you claim on account of each item of injury or damage as of date of presentation of this claim? Explain how you calculated this amount.
See claim addendum

Give ESTIMATED AMOUNT as far as known you claim on account of each item of future injury or damage, giving basis of computation: See claim addendum

11. What INSURANCE PAYMENTS did you receive, if any, and what were the names of any Insurance Company(ies):

12. What EXPENDITURES did you make on account of accident or injury: (Date-Item) (Amount):
See claim addendum

13. Give NAMES AND ADDRESSES of Witnesses, Doctors and Hospitals:
See claim addendum

Attach COPIES of any photos, documents or receipts you wish considered.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing claim and the papers attached thereto, and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATE: July 19, 2024

J. Domenic Martini, Esq.
Claimant or Agent
591 Camino De La Reina, 1025,
San Diego, CA 92108
Address of Above
619-860-8541
Telephone No. of Above



City Of National City

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CLAIMS PROCESS

- **Where do I get a Government Tort Claim form?**

Download [Claim for Damages to Person or Property Form](#) at www.nationalcityca.gov or you may pick up a claim form at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950. The City Clerk's telephone number is (619) 336-4228. Also, you can request a claim form be mailed to you via telephone at (619) 336-4300.

- **Does it cost me anything to file a claim?**

No. The City does not charge a fee to file a claim.

- **How long do I have to file a claim?**

Most claims must be submitted to the City Clerk within 6 months of the time the event or incident giving rise to the injury, loss or damage occurred. However, certain types of claims may be filed within 1 year of the date of the event or incident. Additionally, the Government Code provides for other exceptions to the general 6 month period. If you aren't sure whether or not you fall within one of the exceptions, you should contact an attorney. City staff members are prohibited from providing legal advice.

- **What information may I send with my claim form?**

You may provide any information you believe will support your claim. For example, claims are often submitted along with photographs, receipts, estimates or diagrams. Please keep copies of any documents you submit because the City will not return any documents to you.

- **Can I fax or email the completed claim form to the City Clerk, instead of mailing or dropping it off?**

The City only accepts properly completed claims that are either (1) personally delivered to the City Clerk's office, or (2) mailed to the City Clerk's office. The claimant's original signature must appear on the claim form. The City does not accept claims submitted by email or facsimile.

- **What happens to the claim after I submit it?**

The City Clerk forwarded to the Risk Manager for review and further investigation. Depending on the facts or nature of the incident, most claims are processed within 45 days pursuant to the Government Code. You will be contacted if the Risk Manager has questions regarding your claim. If not, the Risk Manager will determine whether to approve, compromise, or deny the claim. The City's final decision will be mailed to the address listed on the claim submitted to the City.

- **What happens if my claim is denied?**

As required by the Government Code, the City provides all claimants (whose claims have been denied) a standard, written response outlining a claimant's legal remedies.

- **Is the City responsible for claims that happen while riding a public trolley or bus?**

Both the San Diego Trolley and San Diego Transit (public buses) are under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transit System ("MTS"). To file a claim against MTS, contact Public Transit Customer Service at (619) 238-0100.

Government Claim Form Addendum

Claimants:



Affected property address:



National City, CA 91950

Date of Incident: January 22, 2024 – Chollas Creek Flood Event.

Send official notices and correspondence to:

J. Domenic Martini (SBN 324064)
SINGLETON SCHREIBER, LLP
591 Camino de la Reina, 1025
San Diego, CA 92108
619-860-8541

Claimants request that all claim communications be sent to
dmartini@singletonschreiber.com
Chollascreekservice@singletonschreiber.com

Basis of claim:

Claimants bring this claim against National City in conjunction with their claims against the City of San Diego for the flooding arising from the failed Chollas Creek drainage infrastructure. Claimants home was flooded and sits within or at the border of National City's jurisdiction. Claimants believe that some of National City's drainage infrastructure may have caused or contributed to the flooding that Claimants suffered, but at this time are limited by their ability to determine the extent of National City's responsibility or the exact infrastructure that caused Claimants' harm. Claimants are limited by the 6 month government claims statute and file this claim to preserve their rights as investigation into the cause of the flooding and the responsible parties continues. Claimants address should assist National City in identifying nearby infrastructure and conducting an investigation into its ownership, maintenance, and use.



1 Claimants were victims of this predictable “unnatural” disaster when multiple government
2 entities failed to maintain and improve their drainage infrastructure. They suffered harms outlined in
3 the damages section below.

4 At this time, the full extent of National City’s notice, lack of maintenance, and other acts or
5 omissions forming the basis of its liability are not known. Claimant(s) do not intend this statement to
6 constitute a comprehensive list of the entire basis of the City’s liability.

7 Claimants intend to bring the following legal causes of action:

8 Dangerous condition of public property (Gov. Code § 835)

9 Inverse condemnation

10 Trespass

11 Public and private nuisance

12 Violation of Government Code § 12955.8 – Fair Employment and Housing Act

13 Code of Civil Procedure section 526

14 These causes of action are not all-inclusive, nor are all facts forming the basis for the City’s
15 liability known to Claimants at this time.

16 **Damages:**

17 Claimants seek the following categories of damages:

18 Damage Type	Description & Repair	Damage Value
19 Real Property 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renters	Claimant [REDACTED] were renting the property affected by the flood. Due to the severe damage, they were displaced and have not been able to return. The house was conveniently located near [REDACTED] adding to the disruption caused by their displacement.	N/A
25 Personal Property	Due to the flood, claimants lost all their belongings, including sentimental and irreplaceable items.	\$33,610
27 Evacuation	Claimants had to evacuate their home due to the flood, fearing for their safety during the process.	\$7,520+

1		They were at home when the floodwaters, reaching	
2		four feet inside, forced them to leave on foot. With	
3		no time to pack any belongings, the evacuation	
4		happened swiftly. The landlord provided temporary	
5		accommodation in a hotel from January 22 to January	
6		30, 2024. Subsequently, they utilized city hotel	
7		vouchers until securing a new apartment on February	
8		15, 2024. They incurred personal expenses for	
9		emergency sustenance, including food, clothing,	
10		essential personal care items, and transportation while	
11		residing in a hotel.	
12	Vehicle Damage	██████████ 2012 Nissan Quest, parked in the property's	\$5,075+
13		parking structure, incurred extensive damage,	
14		resulting in its total loss.	
15	Loss of	The ██████████ family faces additional living costs as	To be determined.
16	use/diminution in	they gradually replace all their flood-damaged	
17	value/new living	personal belongings and vehicle.	
18	expenses		
19	Lost wages	██████████ during her	\$4,000+
20		evacuation from the flood, rendering her ██████████	
21		██████████ This has resulted in an	
22		income loss exceeding \$4,000.	
23	Personal	██████████ during flood	To be determined.
24	injury/Medical	evacuation, treated at ██████████ hospital.	
25	expenses	Ongoing treatment is required as she relies on her	
26		██████████ for mobility. ██████████ is also using anxiety	
27		medication to manage her persistent anxiety and	
28		depression following the flood.	

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Wrongful death damages	Not applicable.	N/A
Pain, suffering, emotional distress, inconvenience	The [REDACTED] family's ordeal following a devastating flood is marked by profound challenges. Forced to evacuate their severely damaged rental property amidst rising waters, [REDACTED] lost all belongings, including sentimental items. [REDACTED] sustained a [REDACTED] injury during the evacuation, preventing her from working since, resulting in substantial income loss. Ongoing medical treatment and reliance on anxiety medication underscore the lasting emotional toll of anxiety and depression stemming from the traumatic event. Their journey included temporary shelter and incurred expenses for emergency sustenance and transportation, culminating in securing a new apartment amidst ongoing recovery efforts.	TBD

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TOTAL:		\$50,205+
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Supporting documentation is attached. Claimants can provide additional supporting documents upon request.

Dated: July 19, 2024

SINGLETON SCHREIBER, LLP

By:



J. Domenic Martini, Esq.

