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To: Risk Manager

Date: 7/22/24

From: City Clerk's Office

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(Claimant / Plaintiff / Requester)

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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] San Diego, CA 92113
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:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Affected property address: [REDACTED] San Diego, CA 92113

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

1 Claimants' harm. Claimants are limited by the 6 month government claims statute and file this claim
2 to preserve their rights as investigation into the cause of the flooding and the responsible parties
3 continues. Claimants address should assist National City in identifying nearby infrastructure and
4 conducting an investigation into its ownership, maintenance, and use.

5 Claimants were victims of this predictable "unnatural" disaster when multiple government
6 entities failed to maintain and improve their drainage infrastructure. They suffered harms outlined in
7 the damages section below.

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

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

- 12 Dangerous condition of public property (Gov. Code § 835)
- 13 Inverse condemnation
- 14 Trespass
- 15 Public and private nuisance
- 16 Violation of Government Code § 12955.8 – Fair Employment and Housing Act
- 17 Code of Civil Procedure section 526

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

20 **Damages:**

21 Claimants seek the following categories of damages:

22 Damage Type	Description & Repair	Damage Value
23 Real Property 24 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renters	At the time of the flood, claimants were renting the 25 property affected by up to 18 inches of flood 26 inundation. The water level was up to claimant's waist and the property was rendered uninhabitable.	N/A
27 Personal Property	As a result of the flood and the City's negligence, 28 claimants personal property, including cherished	\$31,150

1		items, were destroyed.	
2	Evacuation	<p>██████████ were at work and school, respectively, when severe flooding struck their area. Upon returning home, they found everything underwater and could not enter their apartment, realizing all their belongings were lost. The apartment owner arrived and advised them to evacuate and relocate to a nearby Ramada Hotel. Unable to salvage anything from their home that day, they moved to the hotel, which lacked a kitchen and chairs. As a family that enjoys cooking and eating at home, they found it challenging to adjust to the hotel's amenities. Although another hotel with a kitchen was suggested, it was too far from their work and school. ██████████ felt uncomfortable at the hotel, where they have stayed since the day of the incident. The family incurred out-of-pocket expenses for relocation, transportation, and essential items such as food and clothing.</p>	TBD
20	Vehicle Damage	Not applicable.	N/A
21	Loss of use/diminution in value/new living expenses	The family incurred additional costs due to their inability to live in their home. Since their home and belongings were destroyed, the family has been living at the Ramada Hotel. The claim includes the cost of expenses necessary to maintain their standard of living, such as meals and transportation, that exceed their normal living costs.	To be determined.
28	Lost wages	██████████ was not able to go to work for 3 days due to	To be determined.

1		the shock and trauma of having to rebuild her and	
2		her family's lives while living in a hotel.	
3	Personal	Not applicable.	N/A
4	injury/Medical		
5	expenses		
6	Wrongful death	Not applicable.	N/A
7	damages		
8	Pain, suffering,	In 2012, claimant's came from Africa as refugees	TBD
9	emotional distress,	aided by the Alliance for Africa and moved into an	
10	inconvenience	affordable low-income apartment. The flood that	
11		occurred on January 2024 destroyed their home while	
12		██████████ were at school.	
13		They found everything submerged and were advised	
14		to evacuate to a Ramada hotel, which lacked proper	
15		living conditions. An alternative hotel with a kitchen	
16		was too far from work and school. ██████████ felt	
17		hopeless, salvaging only passports from the foul-	
18		smelling apartment. Without insurance, they lost	
19		everything, including family pictures. Ongoing repairs	
20		have no clear end date, and replacing lost items has	
21		been challenging. The family previously experienced a	
22		traumatic flood in 2018, causing severe anxiety about	
23		returning home. They live in constant fear of future	
24		rains, and their separation in the hotel adds to their	
25		emotional strain. The lack of assistance during both	
26		floods has left them feeling abandoned and	
27		overwhelmed.	
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TOTAL:		\$31,150.00+
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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.

