

MEDIATION INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) of Los Angeles provides mediation and conciliation services to individuals, organizations, and businesses which are interested in resolving disputes outside of the court system.

The APADRC is funded and operated pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986 (Business and Professions Code 465, et seq.). Participation in APADRC mediation is voluntary.

Initiation of Service – Any individual, organization, or business may initiate mediation or conciliation by calling the APADRC at (213) 250-8190.

Voluntary Participation – Participation in this process is voluntary and disputants may withdraw at any time.

Neutrality of Mediators – All mediators will act as neutral third parties when helping people resolve their disputes. If a mediator is found to have a conflict of interest during the course of the case, the APADRC will assign new mediators to the case.

Right to Call Witnesses – Disputants have the right to call witnesses during a mediation to clarify events that are in dispute.

Attorney Representation – Disputants may have counsel present at the mediation. However, counsel's role is only to advise their client and not to interrogate the disputants or the mediators. It is the policy of the APADRC to deal directly with the disputants during the mediation hearing.

Settlement Agreements – At the conclusion of the dispute resolution process, disputants may elect to make any written settlement agreements enforceable or admissible by law.

Termination of Proceedings – The mediators have the authority and duty to terminate the mediation. Reasons for termination may include that the case has reached an impasse, one of the disputants is uninformed, or one party does not understand his or her rights or potential obligations. In this case, the mediators will encourage the party to seek qualified legal, financial, or other professional advice.

Client Grievance Procedure – In order initiate a grievance regarding mediation services please submit your complaint in writing to the Community Assistant Program Director and we will furnish you with a copy of the Client Grievance Procedure. You may also call our Center to initiate a client grievance at 213-250-8190. You may also call the Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Program Grants Administrations Division at 213-738-3839 if you are not satisfied with the APADRC grievance procedure.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

In order to preserve the confidentiality of this mediation, the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center of Los Angeles and the parties to the mediation agree that the provisions of California Evidence Code Sections 1115 through 1128 apply to this mediation, except for Section 1125(a)(5). Evidence Code Sections 1119, 1120, 1125, and 1127 are printed on the back of this page. If you would like a copy of the rest of the Evidence Sections, please ask the mediators.

What this agreement means is that, with some exceptions, anything said in and all papers prepared for or during the mediation session cannot be used in any civil lawsuit unless all parties to the mediation consent to disclosure. Exceptions to confidentiality are criminal matters and cases where there is a threat to bodily harm.

APADRC personnel, case files and mediators' notes are not subject to subpoena and discovery.

Temporary Case Number: _____

APADRC Case Number: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understood and agree to the above outlined information.

Parties to this mediation:

_____ Print Name	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Signature

Mediators:

_____ Print Name, Title	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name, Title	_____ Signature