**Task 1: Form Your California C-Corporation (Founderport, Inc.)**

**🎯 Objective**

Legally establish **Founderport, Inc.** with the California Secretary of State.  
This gives your business its legal identity, protects your brand and intellectual property, and enables you to raise capital, issue shares, and open business bank accounts.

**🧾 Step 1 – Gather Your Required Information**

You’ll need:

* **Legal business name:** Founderport, Inc.
* **Registered Agent:** Either you (yourself) or a service provider with a California address.
* **Business Address:** Can be your home address or a commercial location.
* **Directors/Officers:** Usually the founder (your name is fine for now).
* **Authorized Shares:** 10,000,000 is a common startup baseline.
* **Purpose Statement:** “To engage in lawful business activities in the State of California.”

**🧩 Ways to File Your C-Corp**

**Option 1 – Direct Online Filing (Do-It-Yourself)**

* File directly on the California bizfile portal.
* Standard processing: ≈ 10 business days (24-hour expedite available for fee).
* Pay by card or ACH; filing fee ≈ $100.
* You’ll receive a confirmation email and PDF Articles of Incorporation.

**Option 2 – Third-Party Filing Service (Assisted Filing)**

Use a provider that handles paperwork and compliance for you:

| **Service Provider** | **Cost** | **What They Do** | **Notes** |
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| **LegalZoom** | ≈ $250 + state fees | Prepares and files articles, includes registered agent option. | Great for first-time founders. |
| **Clerky** | ≈ $99 – $299 | Built for startups; includes stock issuance templates. | Popular with VC-backed startups. |
| **Stripe Atlas** | $500 flat | Files a Delaware C-Corp (alt option if you plan to raise venture capital). | Not California-specific. |
| **Rocket Lawyer** | ≈ $150 – $200 | Simplified DIY assistant + attorney review option. | Good for small teams. |
| **Local Option: Santee Legal Services** | ≈ $175 – $250 | Handles CA filings, registered agent services in San Diego County. | Fast, personalized support and local expertise. |

**⚙️ Available Angel Commands for This Task**

| **Command** | **What It Does** | **Example Use** |
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| **Kickstart** | Angel prepares your Articles of Incorporation, cover letter, and instructions for bizfile upload. | “Kickstart this step.” |
| **Help** | Explains each form field and guides you through the submission process. | “What does ‘registered agent’ mean?” |
| **Who Do I Contact?** | Provides a list of vetted registered agent and filing services in California with 4⭐ + ratings. | “Who handles filing near me?” |
| **Advice & Tips** | Shares contextual insight or best practice at this stage. | “Any tips before filing?” |

**💡 Angel’s Advice**

“Kevin, at this stage, speed and accuracy matter.  
If you’re comfortable with online forms, file directly — it’s the fastest and cheapest way.  
But if you want to save time or avoid paperwork, a local provider can handle everything for you and often expedite the approval.”

“After filing, you’ll receive your Articles of Incorporation and Entity Number from the Secretary of State. Keep these safe — you’ll need them for your business bank account and tax registration.”

Would you like to:  
1️⃣ **Kickstart the direct filing process**,  
2️⃣ **See recommended registered agent and local provider options**, or  
3️⃣ **Ask for Help and learn about the form details first**?