

**Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List
FAQ Sheet**

What is the Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List?

This is a list of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) organizations that have agreed to provide a limited number of mediations for active civil cases with attorney-mediators or retired judges at reduced rates (or, for selected cases, at no cost). These organizations were selected through the formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process used for all Court Vendor Resource Lists, and they provide mediation services at no cost to the Court. The Court may post future RFPs to invite additional ADR organizations to join this List.

I am an attorney; may I use this list?

Yes.

I am a self-represented litigant without an attorney; may I use this list?

Yes. However, some organizations may only accept cases with represented parties.

What types of cases are eligible for Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List services?

Active civil cases in any Los Angeles courthouse. This service targets cases valued between \$50,000 - \$250,000, but cases outside this range may also be considered.

What case types are not eligible for Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List services?

This program does not provide mediation for small claims, civil harassment, family law (divorce, custody) or probate cases

Do I need a court order or court referral to use the Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List?

No. There are no court orders or court referrals involved in this program. Note that this is a resource list for voluntary, optional use, not a referral list.

Am I required to use the Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List if I want to use mediation for my civil case?

No. This program is one option to consider. If you want to mediate your case, you may contact any mediator or mediation organization you wish.

Am I required to notify the Court if I decide to use this service?

No.

How do I request a mediation with the organizations on this list?

- a. Confirm that all parties agree to mediate with the selected organization.
- b. Contact the organizations by email (preferred) or phone.
- c. Ask for a "Resource List Mediation."
- d. Be prepared to provide your case name and case number.
- e. For Mediation Center of Los Angeles, parties are encouraged to review the list of mediators available for this program at www.mediationLA.org

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When can I request a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation?

You may request a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation any time after the case is filed and before your trial. These services are not available on the day of trial.

Where do Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediations take place?

Contact the organizations to discuss locations for your mediation. Note that these mediations will not take place at the courthouse.

If I have a pending civil case, do I have a right to a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation with one of the listed organizations?

No. The listed organizations will provide mediations for as many cases as possible, but they may decline any case at their discretion and they are not required to provide reasons for their decisions.

If I have a fee waiver order, do I have a right to a free Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation with one of the listed organizations?

No. These organizations will do their best to provide free or reduced –rate mediations, but they are not required to do so for every case and they are not required to provide reasons for their decisions.

Do my court dates, trial date, filing deadlines or statutory requirements change if my case goes to a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation or any other kind of mediation?

No. Mediation does not change, delay or impact court dates, trial dates, filing deadlines or any statutory requirements.

If my case goes to a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation or any other kind of mediation, could I still be ordered to a Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC)?

Yes.

Do I have to contact the opposing side before requesting a Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List mediation?

Yes. All parties must agree to mediate with the selected organization before contacting the organization.

What is the Court's role in the Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List?

The Court's role is to notify civil litigants that these mediation services may be available for their cases. The Court does not refer parties to this List or to these organizations. The Court has not paid these organizations to provide these services. These organizations manage their own mediation panels and programs.

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