

answers the complaint as follows:

a. ☐ Defendant generally denies each statement of the complaint. (Do not check this box if the complaint demands more than \$1,000.)

- b. ☒ Defendant admits that all of the statements of the complaint are true EXCEPT:
- (1) Defendant claims the following statements of the complaint are false *state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or on form MC-025*: ☐ Explanation is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(1).
- (2) Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements of the complaint are true, so defendant denies them *(state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or on form MC-025)*: ☐ Explanation is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2).

a. ☐ (*nonpayment of rent only*) Plaintiff has breached the warranty to provide habitable premises.

b. ☐ (*nonpayment of rent only*) Defendant made needed repairs and properly deducted the cost from the rent, and plaintiff did not give proper credit.

c. ☐ (*nonpayment of rent only*) On (date): _____ before the notice to pay or quit expired, defendant offered the rent due but plaintiff would not accept it.

d. ☐ Plaintiff waived, changed, or canceled the notice to quit.

e. ☐ Plaintiff served defendant with the notice to quit or filed the complaint to retaliate against defendant.

f. ☐ By serving defendant with the notice to quit or filing the complaint, plaintiff is arbitrarily discriminating against the defendant in violation of the Constitution or the laws of the United States or California.

g. ☐ Plaintiff's demand for possession violates the local rent control or eviction control ordinance of (*city or county, title of ordinance, and date of passage*): _____

h. ☐ Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date the notice to quit expired.

i. ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on acts against defendant or a member of defendant's household that constitute domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder or a dependent adult. *(A temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report not more than 180 days old is required naming you or your household member as the protected party or a victim of these crimes.)*

j. ☐ Other affirmative defenses are stated in item 3k.