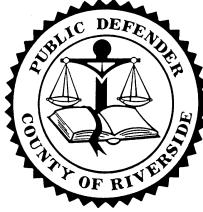


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Fresh Start Application

(Please print clearly and provide an email address)

A Fresh Start request is generally for dismissal pursuant to Penal Code § 1203.4, commonly referred to as an expungement. If you are on probation, we will also determine eligibility for an early discharge from probation pursuant to California Penal Code § 1203.3, which will only be accepted if you have “good cause” and supporting documentation.

Thank you for contacting our office. We ask for you to please be patient with us as this process can take up to 3 to 4 months in its entirety.

The first part of the application process can take up a couple weeks to review. Once your application for eligibility is reviewed, you will receive one of three letters: Approved, Follow-up or Denied.

All communication will be sent by email or mail.

- a) If Approved, we will notify you in writing. Please allow an additional 90 days to receive your declaration, where you will need to sign it and return it to this office for filing. Then we will mail you a notice informing you when your Petition has been filed with the court.
- b) If a Follow-up letter is sent to you, it means your application was “incomplete” and that the process has been delayed, we need more information to prepare your declaration. You will have 45 days to return the information requested or your case will be closed, triggering a denial letter to be generated and sent to you.
- c) If Denied, the reason will be listed in the letter as to why we cannot proceed with your request. Additionally, if the California Department of Justice Criminal History Report is not attached, we will be unable to help you until one is provided by you.

Please complete the forms in full, include all information requested. Incomplete forms will be returned for further information. Email the application to VEArroba@rivco.org, or by mail to:

**Law offices of the Public Defender
Fresh Start Program - Veronica Arroba
4075 Main St., Suite 100
Riverside, CA 92501**

Direct Telephone (951) 955-6072 or by fax; (951) 955-6025

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER "FRESH START" APPLICATION

Personal Information				
First Name	Middle Name	Last name	Other names used	
Date of Birth	Place of birth	Social Security #	CDL#	Today's Date
Contact Information				
Street Address		Apt. #	City	Zip Code
Phone		Alt. Phone		Email address
May we leave a message for you at these contact numbers if you do not answer? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>				
Case Information				
Riv. Case # or date	Additional case	Additional case	Did the Public Defender represent you on this case?	
			No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	

Have you had any other arrests or convictions from other counties? If yes, please complete below:

Date	Arrest or Conviction	County	Charges/conduct

Current Information				
Are you currently on probation?			No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently on parole?			No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently serving a sentence?			No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently charged with a crime?			No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

Which of the following types of relief are you interested in?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Seal and Destroy Arrest (I am factually innocent or was not convicted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Termination of Probation (I am on probation and can provide good cause for early termination)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce Felony to Misdemeanor (I had an agreement my felony could be reduced to a misdemeanor, have significant reasons for reduction or am no longer on probation and would like my felony reduced)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dismissal Pursuant to 1203.4 of the California Penal Code (formerly known as "expungement")
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Rehab & Pardon <i>or</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: 1170(h) crime expungment, fire camp, U visa or relief from 290 registration

5. Describe your past lifestyle and why you believe it caused your criminal offenses.

6. Describe your present lifestyle and explain why it has enabled you to be arrest/conviction free

7. If you have had family support since your conviction or you provide support to your family, please describe how.

8. If you have been employed since your conviction, please describe the job and list the dates of employment. If you have been denied employment because of your conviction, please list all company names, locations and positions where you applied and were denied. If you have denial letters/emails attach them to your application. Please list your qualification for those positions.

9. Do you have any pending job offers? If so, please provide detailed information about the job offer: name of the company, position offered, potential start date.

10. What kind of social organization do you belong to? (i.e., Church, Clubs, etc)

11. Have you done any volunteer work for any organizations? If yes, please describe for whom and the dates of your activities. Were you turned down from volunteer because of your criminal background? If so, list the company name and contact person. Provide documentation.

12. If you have participated in counseling since your conviction (court ordered or on your own), please describe how it has benefited you and attach copies of any certificates of completion or letter(s) from your counselor.

13. If you went to school or a job training program since your conviction, please describe them and get copies of diplomas, certificates of completion, proof of attendance and/or grades.

14. Are you on the verge of losing your job due to your criminal record? Provide the company you are employed with, your immediate supervisor, your position and details about what services you provide. List your duties and responsibilities.

15. Are you trying to rent an apartment or house? Is your living situation now unsafe but you cannot obtain a rental due to your criminal background check? Please describe this barrier in detail.

FRESH START PROGRAM
APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE
DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR “GOOD CAUSE”

Please provide any documentation below to support a “Good Cause” or “In the interest of justice” argument.

- ✓ Letters from prospective employers offering you employment provided you pass a background check.
- ✓ Letters denying you employment due to a criminal conviction.
- ✓ Termination letters from employers due to criminal conviction or a pay stub reflecting work for a few days.
- ✓ Letters denying you an occupational license due to a criminal conviction.
- ✓ Notice of adverse actions to an existing occupational license.
- ✓ Proof of completion (or participation) in college or vocational programs.
- ✓ Proof of completion (or participation) in counseling, or rehabilitative programs (substance abuse, AA, anger management, parenting, etc.) that was or was not ordered by the court.
- ✓ Proof of any volunteer work you do or have done since the conviction that was not court ordered.
- ✓ Rental agreements, housing applications or any other apartment or housing information that disqualifies you due to a criminal conviction.
- ✓ Any other documentation that you believe would support your request.