As required by Education Code sections 22453 and 26703, any request related to the election, change or cancellation of benefits by a member or participant in which spousal or registered domestic partner interest may be present, such as the forms listed below, requires the signature of the spouse or registered domestic partner unless one of the following conditions exists. If you are married or registered as a domestic partner and your spouse or partner does not sign this designation, you must check the appropriate box indicating the reason your spouse or partner did not sign.

**Justification for Non-Signature of Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner**

I do not know and have taken all reasonable steps to determine the whereabouts of my spouse or registered domestic partner.

My spouse or registered domestic partner is incapable of executing the acknowledgment because of an incapacitating mental or physical condition.

My current spouse or registered domestic partner has no identifiable community property interest in the benefits.

My spouse or registered domestic partner and I have executed a settlement agreement that makes the community property law inapplicable to the marriage or registered domestic partnership.

My spouse or registered domestic partner has refused to sign the acknowledgment. Court action will be or has been initiated to enforce or waive the signature requirement for my spouse or registered domestic partner (Education Code sections 22454 and 26704). CalSTRS must have a certified copy of the court order before any benefits can be paid. Submit a certified copy of the court order when you receive it.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that perjury is punishable by imprisonment for up to four years (Penal Code section 126).

I understand it is a crime to fail to disclose a material fact or to make any knowingly false material statements for the purpose of altering a benefit administered by CalSTRS and it may result in penalties, including restitution, up to one year in jail and a fine of up to $5,000 (Education Code section 22010).

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**Documents Submitted** Check the appropriate boxes.

- Service Retirement Application
- Reduced Benefit Election
- Refund Application
- Preretirement Election of an Option
- Preretirement Compound Option Election
- Compound Option Election
- Service Retirement Application Change Request
- Cancellation or Change of Option After Retirement (Dissolution of Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership)
- Change of Option Beneficiary After Retirement
- Annuity Deposit Information
- Reinstatement After Retirement
- Add, Change or Cancel Option During Disability Retirement
- Add, Change or Cancel Option During Disability Retirement, Compound Option Election
- Rollover of Limited-Term Disability Payments
- Disability Allowance to Service Retirement Application
- Defined Benefit Supplement Termination Benefit Distribution Election
- Defined Benefit Supplement Termination Benefit Election Change
- Cash Balance Retirement Benefit Application form
- Cash Balance Termination Benefit Application
- Cash Balance Disability Benefit Application
- Cash Balance Rollover Distribution form
- Letter requesting a change