State of California
California Public Employees' Retirement System
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Justification for Absence of Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Signature

Section 1: Member Information

Name of Member (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) **Social Security Number or CalPERS ID**

Pursuant to Government Code section 21261, the member's current spouse or registered domestic partner must be made aware of the selection of benefits or designation of beneficiary made by a member. The spouse or registered domestic partner must acknowledge the submission of your application, election, or beneficiary designation.

If a spouse's or registered domestic partner's signature does not appear on the document(s) identified below, you MUST complete and submit this form with your document(s).

Please select the appropriate box(es) for the document(s) you are submitting with this form:

- ☐ **Service Retirement Election Application**
- ☐ **Modification of Original Election at Retirement**
- ☐ **Refund Election Application**
- ☐ **Disability Retirement Election Application**
- ☐ **Post-Retirement Lump-Sum Beneficiary Designation**
- ☐ **Pre-Retirement Lump-Sum Beneficiary Designation**
- ☐ **Election Document for the First Tier Retirement Formula (Government Code 21073.7)**
- ☐ **Election Document for State Second Tier Retirement Formula**

Please check the box and indicate specifics:

☐ **By checking this box, you indicate that you are married or have a registered domestic partner, but your spouse or registered domestic partner did not sign the document(s) indicated above because:**

- ☐ You do not know and have taken all reasonable steps to determine the whereabouts of your spouse or registered domestic partner.
- ☐ Your spouse or registered domestic partner has been advised of the application or election and has refused to sign the written acknowledgement.
- ☐ Your spouse or registered domestic partner is incapable of executing the acknowledgement because of an incapacitating mental or physical condition.
- ☐ Your spouse or registered domestic partner has no identifiable community property interest in the benefit.
- ☐ Your spouse or registered domestic partner and you have executed a marriage settlement or partnership agreement that makes the community property law inapplicable to the marriage or partnership.

If you are married or in a registered domestic partnership, your spouse or domestic partner may have community property rights in any payable benefit.

Section 2: Information Certification

You hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Signature of Member **Date (mm/dd/yyyy)**

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