



***The First Filing with new information is the ORIGINAL filing.  
 Changes on any line or an expired filing is a NEW Filing.***

By California State law you must file and publish your Fictitious Business Name Statement within 40 days after you begin your business. It is good for five years. If you change any of the business facts on the statement (like change of address) your statement automatically expires and you must file and publish within forty days.

***A Renewal Filing means that there are NO CHANGES on any line since five years ago.***

In order to keep your Fictitious Business Name Statement you must renew it for five more years in LA County. By doing so your business name is five years more valuable. Congratulations! Most successful people all over LA County don't remember to refile their business names on time. Five years go by fast. We remember for you. We watch out for you and remind you on time so that your business name statement will not expire; but you must sign the form and return it with proper payment so we can *refile/file/publish* for you right away. It will be an honor to serve you.

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**Common Mistakes on Renewal Filings:**

- Corporations or Limited Liability Companies (LLC) forget to include the Articles of Incorporation/organization number #.
- Owners forget to add \$4.00 to the LA County Clerk check for each extra business name and \$4.00 for each additional registrant.
- People are not sure who should sign the Renewal Filing form. The signer should be the person who "owns" the business.

**“This Country Is Founded On Free Enterprise. Cherish And Help Preserve It.”**  
*Inscribed on the wall above the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting place.*