

# Change is Required, Suffering Isn't

## Not Every Surprise is a Pleasant One

Nobody can say that they are *ready* for divorce. Divorce brings enormous change. You can't "prepare" and expect it to be painless. Abandoned Spouses are among the hardest hit because they don't have the luxury of warning from their ex-partners. One moment, they are enjoying a

secure relationship. The next moment...scrambling, often while striving to maintain a healthy environment for children. Ramon Vargas, Esq recently helped a local artist navigate through (and recover from!) spousal abandonment.

Sofia Hernandez of Torrance, CA was shocked. She had never even contemplated divorce. When the

possibility was impossible to ignore, she panicked. "When my husband left us, I was scared. I was angry. My ex took our car AND our money. **I didn't know where to turn. I didn't know who to trust.**"

## Sofia Hernandez Finds Support, Guidance, and a Champion

An experienced family law attorney can make all the difference in *ensuring a quick recovery from divorce*. Sofia's best friend suggested Ramon Vargas, Esq, after he presented his quarterly "Family Options" seminar at the Inland Empire Arts Collective. Sofia knew that Ramon would be a great fit because he was already active in her community and he was trusted by so many of her colleagues and acquaintances. "I felt like I didn't matter. Unlike the other lawyers I spoke with, Ramon Vargas, Esq *listened*."

Sofia came to learn that there were lots of resources for single mothers, just like herself, who were suffering as Abandoned Spouses. Sofia was able to get help re-establishing her checking account and finding child care. A phone call by Ramon to a local church netted a car to use until she was on more solid ground. "I came to find out that I wasn't alone. Ramon connected me with community resources to make sure that my one-year old son and I were both safe and secure."

Sofia needed a bit of time to figure out what was next. She had questions about what would happen to her rights if she were to get divorced. Sofia needed to make a decision.



*Three months after a successfully finalized divorce, Sofia and her son Rico enjoying mommy time.*

## Divorce Doesn't Make You Less of a Person

People who go to court without an attorney, sometimes called “pro se” often have much worse outcomes. The courthouse is an intimidating place. The law is always changing. Also, this is *your case*. It is difficult to stay calm enough to see the best next step. Once Sofia decided on Ramon Vargas, she felt like he had taken a huge burden away. “He immediately got my divorce paperwork started. I felt like I was his most important client.”

Divorce is a drastic measure, but you shouldn't ever be afraid to hire a professional to guide you

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through the process. People are often concerned that a Family Court Judge will judge them as people, but that couldn't be further from the truth. A Family Court Judge wants to apply the law to the problem of your family's welfare and needs to be shown why an Abandoned Spouse deserves extra consideration.

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Sofia's divorce was finalized in March of 2019. Her life is much better now. The peace of mind she enjoyed during the process allowed her to keep her job. She and her son are in a new apartment and about to sign a lease on a new car. Sofia looks back, “Ramon fought for the right for my son and I to live without fear. That I had rights...and dignity.”

Are you like Sofia? **Looking for a place to turn** when divorce is on the horizon? Email Ramon for a *free* fifteen minute strategy session at [feelingabandoned@vargasfamilylaw.com](mailto:feelingabandoned@vargasfamilylaw.com). To better understand your legal rights and the community resources available to you, call our office at (909) 373-3366 that's (909) FREEDOM for our no charge, no obligation booklet *Restoring Dignity for Abandoned Spouses*.