

Dear

Name

Thank you for selecting E&M Tax Services, Inc. to assist you in preparing your tax returns for this upcoming tax season. This letter confirms the terms of our engagement and the nature, timing, and limitations of the services we will provide.

The tax preparation fee for your Individual tax return starts at **\$700**, due once we provide you with your tax return. We will not e-file or submit your return until payment is received. We will prepare your 2023 Individual federal and state income tax returns from the information you provide us with. We do not provide bookkeeping services or any other state or city licenses in this tax preparation fee.

All individuals that do business in the City of Los Angeles must file a business tax renewal each year by February 29<sup>th</sup>. We will not automatically file this renewal for you unless you engage us to do so. We will not file any other business licenses or other city tax renewals.

We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to request clarification and/or documentation of some of the information. Generally, we will rely on your representation that you have maintained the documentation required by law to support the information you provide, including expenses for meals, travel, gifts, vehicle use, charitable contributions, etc. You cannot solely rely on bank statements; the taxing authorities require receipts of such deductions. Note, that you have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and, therefore, you should carefully review them before you sign and file them. It is your responsibility to maintain, in your records, the documentation necessary to support the data used in preparing your tax returns. If you have any questions as to the type of records required, please ask us for advice in that regard. We are not responsible for any additional taxes, penalties or interest resulting from the disallowance of doubtful deductions, or inadequately supported documentation.

The filing deadline for your Individual Tax Return is now April 15, 2024. To meet the filing deadline, we must receive your information in complete form by March 22, 2024. If information is received after March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we cannot ensure a timely filing. If an extension of time to file is required, we will use the information available to us at the time to prepare the extension. An extension, however, only provides you with an extension to file, not an extension to pay. Taxes paid after April 15, 2024 will result in penalties and interest. If you would like us to file an extension for you, please submit the extension request form for us to e-file. We charge a non-refundable \$100 extension deposit, that will be applied to your tax preparation fee. Please note, if you choose to schedule an appointment to prepare your return we must receive your information in complete form no later than 24 hours prior to your appointment.

We will electronically file your returns unless certain circumstances disallow us to do so. Our engagement is for your income taxes. If you have other taxes due, such as payroll tax, City of Los Angeles Business Tax, Sales Tax, etc., these services are offered for an additional fee.

Your tax returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. If the government selects your return for examination and/or you receive notices or letters from taxing authorities, we will be available to assist you. There will be an additional fee for this service on an hourly basis.



We will use our judgment in resolving issues in your favor where a tax law is unclear if there is reasonable justification for doing so. Whenever we are aware that an applicable tax law is unclear or that there are conflicting interpretations of the law by authorities, we will explain the possible positions that may be taken on your return. In accordance with our professional standards, we will follow whatever position you request, if it is consistent with the codes, regulations, and interpretations that have been promulgated. If the IRS should later contest the position taken, there may be an assessment of additional tax, plus interest and penalties. We assume no liability for any such additional penalties or assessments. In the event, however, that you ask us to take a tax position that in our professional judgment will not meet the applicable laws and standards as promulgated, we reserve the right to stop work and shall not be liable to you for any damages that occur because of ceasing to render services.

We generally retain, for seven years, the final work product generated for our clients. After the retention period, the documents are destroyed. We do not keep original documents. It is your responsibility to retain your records for possible future examination by the taxing authorities.

Fees for our services will be at our standard rates. We reserve the right to stop work on any account that is 60 days past due. All invoices are due and payable upon presentation. Tax returns will not be electronically filed until fees are paid. If we are asked by a taxing authority to disclose any privileged communication, unless we are required to disclose the communication by law, we will not provide such disclosure until you have had an opportunity to argue that the communication is privileged. You agree to pay all reasonable expenses that we incur, including legal fees, that are a result of attempts to protect any communication as privileged.

By your signature below, you acknowledge and agree that upon the expiration of the 7-year period, E&M Tax Services, Inc shall be free to destroy our records related to this engagement.

If the above fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to our office. Work cannot commence until a signed copy of this document is returned. If this is a joint return, both spouses must sign.

We are pleased to have you as a client and look forward to a long relationship.

Yours truly,

Erin Wayland E&M Tax Services, Inc

Acknowledged:

Signature:	Print Name:	Date:
Taxpayer Signature:	Print Name:	Date: