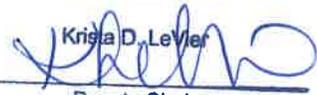


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3 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
4 COUNTY OF LAKE

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6 GENERAL ORDER ON MANAGEMENT OF JUVENILE DEPENDENCY
7 CALENDAR DURING PERIOD OF EMERGENCY RELIEF ORDERS
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9 In supplement to the Emergency Relief Implementation Orders and
10 the Temporary Order Restricting Access made by this Court, and to
11 increase the scope of services that may be rendered by the Court in
12 compliance with state and local Emergency Declarations and Orders
13 of the Public Health Officer regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, and
14 pursuant to California Rules of Court, Emergency Rules 3 and 6, and
15 Rule 5.531 and pending further order of the Court, it is ordered as
16 follows:

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18 1. The Court will be calling and hearing those matters
19 presently set for hearing on the Juvenile Dependency calendar
20 commencing with the calendar set for May 11, 2020, commencing at
21 8:15 am in Department 4.
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23 2. The attendance at the hearing and participation in the
24 hearing shall be by Remote Appearance. All appearances by counsel,
25 self-represented persons and interested parties shall be by
26 audio/video or telephonic means only.
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28 3. A remote appearance is directed in all cases including a
29 person ordered to appear in person by order of the court; any
30 person ordered to appear in person be reason of a citation or

1 subpoena issued to the person; and, any appearance on a hearing on
2 the issuance of a temporary restraining order.

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4 4. Pursuant to Emergency Rule 3 and 6, the Court finds good
5 cause, under the current emergency circumstances, to waive the
6 requirement that a party give notice to the court and all other
7 parties of the intent to appear by remote appearance at a hearing.

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9 5. In all Juvenile Dependency proceedings, the child welfare
10 agency shall provide notice of the remote hearing to counsel and
11 parties including instructions on how to participate in the remote
12 hearing. The required notice and instructions may be provided by
13 telephone or other electronic means. Emergency Rule, 6(c)(3).

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15 6. This Order does not require a remote appearance be made in
16 any instance where an appearance at the hearing is not intended to
17 be made. In the event that there will not be a remote appearance
18 made at a hearing, that party shall file and serve a notice of
19 nonappearance or shall contact the court by email or by telephone,
20 at least 2 court days prior to the scheduled hearing, to notify the
21 court that the party will not appear at the hearing.

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23 7. The Court reserves jurisdiction to determine that the
24 scheduled hearing is not appropriate for hearing by remote
25 appearance including for the reason that the matter will require
26 evidentiary hearing or is a matter in which personal appearance(s)
27 would materially assist the court in the determination of the
28 hearing, or effective management or resolution of the case. The
29 parties may, after meeting and conferring, agree that a remote
30 appearance is not appropriate for the hearing and request, at least

1 court 2 days prior to the hearing, that the hearing be reset by the
2 court. A hearing may also be continued by the stipulation of the
3 interested parties.

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5 8. The remote appearance shall be arranged by the court
6 utilizing an audio/video teleconferencing platform and instructions
7 provided to the participants on accessing the service. The service
8 shall provide for each party to participate in the hearing in real
9 time in the audio and visual transmission and provide for the
10 statements of each participant to be heard and identified by all
11 other participants and court staff.

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13 9. In order to communicate confidentially between a party and
14 his or her counsel during the remote hearing, counsel and the party
15 will need to make independent arrangements to have private
16 telephone with each other during the hearing. In the event that
17 confidential communication during the hearing is not available, and
18 is requested to occur during the hearing, the court may interrupt
19 the hearing or continue the hearing to provide for the same to
20 occur.

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22 10. The court admonishes all participants that the remote
23 hearing is intended by the court to remain confidential as required
24 by law and the participants are directed to undertake participation
25 in the hearing in a manner which will serve to ensure and preserve
26 the confidentiality of the proceeding. Sanctions may be imposed for
27 the violation of confidentiality.

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29 11. Notice of California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule, 6.
30 All counsel and parties should take notice of the potential

1 application of Emergency Rule 6(c)(4) in providing for the
2 electronic service of notices and documents.

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DATED: APRIL 29, 2020



SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Michael S. Lunas