



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings
1426 South Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

CHECK-LIST FOR ADOPTION INVESTIGATION

(Utilized for a Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption Case)

Dear Petitioner(s),

In order to perform the required adoption investigation, the following forms and items will need to be completed:

- Adoption Questionnaire** (Stepparent or Domestic Partnership cases)
 - One (1) questionnaire is provided in this packet, make additional copies as needed.
 - **Each petitioner** shall complete this questionnaire.
- Personal Reference Questionnaire** (Stepparent or Domestic Partnership cases)
 - Six (6) questionnaires are provided in this packet.
 - This questionnaire shall be completed by six individuals who will vouch for your qualification as a suitable candidate for the adoption of the minor child or children.
- Birth certificate of each minor being adopted** *A certified copy is required.*
- Record of termination of any previous marriages of petitioner and/or custodial parent.**
 - *A copy is sufficient.*
- Release of minor from parental control** (as applicable, check only one of the following boxes):
 1. **Non custodial parent's consent** (per Family Law Code 9003) **or**
 - *A copy is sufficient.*
 2. **Petition to Free Minor From Custody and Control** (per Family Code 7660 et sec.) **or**
 - *A copy is sufficient.*
 3. **Death Certificate of natural parent** (if applicable)
 - *A copy is sufficient.*
- Record of Petitioner's marriage or registration of domestic partnership to the natural parent.**
 - *A copy is sufficient.*
- Investigation Fee of \$300.00**
 - Cash, check or a money order payable to the "*Kings County Superior Court*".
 - This fee is to be paid at the time the investigation packet is returned to the clerk's office.
- Additional Investigation Fee of \$300.00**
 - Cash, check or a money order payable to the "*Kings County Superior Court*".
 - For stepparent adoptions only. This fee will apply if the Petition to Declare minor Free of Custody and Control is filed at a **separate time** from the opening of the adoption.

If you have an attorney, please notify him/her of the receipt of the included documents.

Once these forms and items are received, the court will appoint an investigator to your case. It is important to know the investigation **will not** begin until these requirements are met. Please submit to:

Kings County Superior Court
1426 South Drive

Hanford, CA 93230
Attention: Adoption Clerk