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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**County of Kings**  
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## **ADOPTION PACKET**



Online Assistance: [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm)  
The California Courts Self-Help Center

E-file California: <https://www.kings.courts.ca.gov/online-services/online-case-filing>

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Hours of Operation (Except for Court Holidays): Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET	
How to Adopt a Child in California	Judicial Council Form ADOPT-050-INFO
Adoption Request	Judicial Council Form ADOPT-200
Adoption Agreement	Judicial Council Form ADOPT-210
Adoption Order	Judicial Council Form ADOPT-215
Court Report of Adoption (SAMPLE)	State Form VS 44
Court Report of Adoption	State Form VS 44
Consent to Adoption by Parent in or Outside of California Giving Custody to Husband or Wife or Domestic Partner of Other Parent (Stepparent Adoption)	State Form AD 2A/2B
Consent to Adoption by Parent Retaining Custody (Stepparent Adoption)	State Form AD 2
Indian Child Inquiry Attachment	Judicial Council Form ICWA-010(A)
Parental Notification of Indian Status	Judicial Council Form ICWA-020
The investigation will not take place until the investigation packet is submitted with the filing fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adoption Check-List for Petitioners</li><li>Adoption Questionnaire (Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption)</li></ul>	Local Form Local Form
<b>Filing Fee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Adoption Request</b></li><li><b>Investigation Fee</b></li></ul>	<b>\$20.00/per child</b> <b>350.00</b>
<b>For Stepparent Adoptions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Petition to Declare Minor Free of Custody and Control</b></li><li><b>Investigation Fee</b></li></ul>	<b>350.00</b> <b>350.00</b>

## **General Information on Adoptions**

### **Before you begin**

**Seek legal advice about your family's options before beginning any adoption.** Every family is different and adoption may not be necessary for some families. Visit the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts adoption page to get copies of adoption forms, look for organizations that provide legal help with adoptions, and learn how to complete the adoption process on your own if you do not have a lawyer: [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions](https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions). You can also get copies of adoption forms at your local court clerk's office.

**What type of adoption will you be filing?** In California there are several kinds of adoptions. This information sheet provides steps for the following types:

- Stepparent and domestic partnership
- Stepparent and domestic partnership confirmation of parentage
- Independent
- Agency (within the United States) and includes:
  - Agency placement or agency joinder
- Intercountry

For more information and definitions on these types of adoptions, see [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions](https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions).

### **What department or agency will be handling your home study or investigation?**

In most adoptions, a home study or an investigation will be necessary.

- For independent adoptions
  - A regional office of the Department of Social Services (DSS).
  - An adoption agency.
  - For an independent adoption of a newborn, you must also choose an adoption services provider (ASP).

The ASP is an individual or an adoption agency personnel licensed and certified by the State of California. The role of this person is to explain to the birth parent their rights in the adoption process (before “placing” the child with you), and will witness the signing of documents and consent.

There is a listing of all providers who have been licensed as an ASP on the California Department of Social Services website. You can see the list by agency or the list by individual. The ASP will charge a fee. You must pay the fee as the adoptive parent.
- For more information on a home study or ASP, see [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/independent-adoption/placed](https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/independent-adoption/placed).
- For stepparent adoptions, the court investigator or a privately hired, licensed clinical social worker or other appropriate licensed individual will be handling your home study or investigation. See [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/stepparent-adoption](https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/stepparent-adoption).

If you need more information about what office or agency can conduct your home study, you can visit the California Department of Social Services website. Find out what paperwork they will need from you and when it must be sent to them once you file your *Adoption Request*.

### **Documents needed in addition to the *Adoption Request***

For most adoptions, the adopting parent, their legal representative, or the agency will be required to obtain additional signed forms or certified documents. These documents can include:

- Consent or relinquishment for adoption
- Death certificate (if applies)
- Other court orders
- Waiver of notice or denial of parentage



In certain situations additional court proceedings may be necessary. These may include:

- Petition freeing the child from parental custody and control and an order. (Note: This is a separate court action.)
- Petition to terminate parental rights of an alleged parent and an order. (Note: In some courts, this can be filed within the adoption case but in other courts it is a separate court action.)

Each of the above are specific procedures which must be followed based on the determination of the status of the parent. If this is an agency adoption, the agency will obtain the above information for the court.

This paperwork is needed to complete your adoption home-study or investigation.

The status of a parent is based on the relationship of that parent to the child and other factors. For definitions and more information about status of parent and what additional involvement or paperwork is needed, go to [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions](http://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions).

## Stepparent/Domestic Partner Adoptions

If you wish to adopt the child of your spouse or domestic partner, you may be eligible for a stepparent adoption. There are two types of stepparent adoptions. Answer these questions to figure out which process is right for you:

- ➔ Were you in a union with the child's legal parent **at the time the child was born** and are you **still in a union** with the legal parent? (A "union" means a marriage, a California registered domestic partnership, or a registered domestic partnership or civil union from another state that is legally equivalent to a marriage.)
- ➔ Did your **spouse or domestic partner give birth to the child** or was the child born through a **gestational surrogacy process** brought about by one or both of you?

If you answered no to **either** question, complete the items below for a **stepparent/domestic partner adoption**.

If you answered yes to **both** questions, complete the items below for a **stepparent adoption to confirm parentage**.

### 1 Fill out court forms

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|---------------|---|--|
| • ADOPT-203   | <i>Stepparent Adoption Request</i>            | This tells the judge about you and the child you are adopting.   |
| • ADOPT-210   | <i>Adoption Agreement</i>                     | This tells the judge that you and the child, if over 12, agree to the adoption. Fill it out, but do not sign it until the judge asks you to sign it. |
| • ADOPT-215   | <i>Adoption Order</i>                         | The judge signs this form if your adoption is approved.  |
| • ICWA-010(A) | <i>Indian Child Inquiry Attachment</i>        | This lets the judge know that you have asked whether the child may be an Indian child.   |
| • ICWA-020    | <i>Parental Notification of Indian Status</i> | One form is required for each birth parent. This shows that the child's parents have been asked about potential Indian status.                       |

#### Additional Forms for Stepparent Adoption to Confirm Parentage

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| • ADOPT-205 (or an equivalent declaration) | <i>Declaration Confirming Parentage in Stepparent Adoption</i>                        | This tells the court how you conceived your child and whether there are any other parents. Only use this if you are seeking a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage. See above for more information on this type of adoption. Both the birth parent and the adopting parent must complete a separate declaration.   |
| -OR-                                       |   |  |
| • ADOPT-206 (or an equivalent declaration) | <i>Declaration Confirming Parentage in Stepparent Adoption: Gestational Surrogacy</i> | This tells the court how you conceived your child and whether there are any other parents. Only use this if you are seeking a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage because the child was conceived through a gestational surrogate and was born outside of California, and the state where the child was born only allowed one intended parent to be named as a legal parent on the child's birth certificate. |

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## 2 Take your forms to court

Take the completed forms to the court clerk in the county where you live. The court will charge a \$20 filing fee (set by Health and Safety Code section 103730). Or take the forms to your lawyer or adoption agency, if you are using one. If there is no hearing, form ADOPT-210 must be signed in front of the court clerk or a notary.

**Note: In a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage,** no investigation or hearing is required unless ordered by the court for good cause. Sign form ADOPT-210 in front of a notary or the court clerk when you file the forms and a judge will review your request. If the paperwork is complete and you meet the requirements, the judge will sign the *Adoption Order* (form ADOPT-215) and the adoption is complete. You and your attorney will receive copies. If the judge orders an investigation and hearing, go to the next steps.

## 3 An investigation is completed

In most stepparent adoptions an investigation or a report must be completed before the final hearing. This will be completed by either someone you identified in the request or who was ordered by the court. To begin the investigation you will be required to send the *Adoption Request* and supporting documentation to the investigator. A home visit may also be required.

## 4 Go to court on the date of your hearing

Bring:

- The child you are adopting;
- Form ADOPT-210;
- Form ADOPT-215;
- A camera, if you want a photo of you and your child with the judge (*optional*); and
- Friends/relatives (*optional*).
- California Department of Social Services form VS-44 may be needed (see [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/stepparent-adoption/prepare-lodge-forms](http://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/stepparent-adoption/prepare-lodge-forms)).

## Independent or Agency Adoptions in the United States

If this is an independent or agency adoption in the United States, complete items 1 through 4 below.

**Note:** The rights of the existing parents usually terminate with adoptions. In an independent adoption, if the existing and adopting parents agree, the rights of the existing parents do not have to be terminated. See Family Code section 8617(b).

## 1 Fill out court forms

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|----------------|---|--|
| • ADOPT-200    | <i>Adoption Request</i>                       | This tells the judge about you and the child you are adopting.   |
| • ADOPT-210    | <i>Adoption Agreement</i>                     | This tells the judge that you and the child, if over 12, agree to the adoption. Fill it out, but do not sign it until the judge asks you to sign it. |
| • ADOPT-215    | <i>Adoption Order</i>                         | The judge signs this form if your adoption is approved.  |
| • ADOPT-230    | <i>Adoption Expenses</i>                      | This lets the judge know what payments were made that relate to the child you are adopting.  |
| • ICWA-010(A)* | <i>Indian Child Inquiry Attachment</i>        | This lets the judge know that the required questions have been asked to determine whether the child may be an Indian child.                          |
| • ICWA-020*    | <i>Parental Notification of Indian Status</i> | One form is required for each birth parent. This shows that the child's parents have been asked about potential Indian status.                       |

\*The agency or adoption service provider is responsible for getting these forms completed and making them part of the adoption file for adoptions under the Welfare and Institutions Code; other evidence, including court orders regarding ICWA may be necessary.





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### 3 The social worker writes a report

In most adoptions, a social worker writes a report. This report gives important information to the judge about the adopting parents and the child. The social worker will ask you questions. You may have to fill out forms. You may be required to pay a fee for this report. The social worker will file the report with the court and send you and your attorney a copy. When you get the report, ask the clerk for a date for your adoption hearing.

### 4 Go to court on the date of your hearing

Bring:

- The child you are adopting;
- Form ADOPT-210;
- Form ADOPT-215;
- Form ADOPT-230;
- A camera, if you want a photo of you and your child with the judge (*optional*); and
- Friends/relatives (*optional*).

## Intercountry Adoptions

If this is an intercountry (international) adoption, complete items 1 through 6 below.

Note: You must follow this process to adopt your child under California law, even if the adoption was previously finalized in a foreign country. If the child's adoption was finalized in a foreign country, you must file the *Adoption Request* within the earlier of 60 days of the child's entry to the United States, or the child's 16th birthday.

### 1 Fill out court forms

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|---------------|---|--|
| • ADOPT-200   | <i>Adoption Request</i>                       | This tells the judge about you and the child you are adopting.   |
| • ADOPT-210   | <i>Adoption Agreement</i>                     | This tells the judge that you and the child, if over 12, agree to the adoption. Fill it out, but do not sign it until the judge asks you to sign it. |
| • ADOPT-215   | <i>Adoption Order</i>                         | The judge signs this form if your adoption is approved.  |
| • ADOPT-230   | <i>Adoption Expenses</i>                      | This lets the judge know what payments were made that relate to the child you are adopting.  |
| • ICWA-010(A) | <i>Indian Child Inquiry Attachment</i>        | This lets the judge know that you have asked whether the child may be an Indian child.   |
| • ICWA-020    | <i>Parental Notification of Indian Status</i> | One form is required for each birth parent. This shows that the child's parents have been asked about potential Indian status.                       |

### 2 Postadoption or postplacement visits and reports

If the child's adoption was finalized in a foreign country, there will be at least one postadoption visit provided by the international adoption agency. The report of this visit must be submitted to the court as described below. If the child was born in a foreign country and placed with a California family for adoption in this state, the adoption agency must provide postplacement supervision with up to four visits. These reports are also provided to the court.



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### 3 Attach documentation

If the child's adoption was finalized in a foreign country, you must attach the following documents to your *Adoption Request*:

- A certified or otherwise official copy of the foreign decree, order, or certification of adoption that reflects finalization of the adoption in the foreign country;
- A certified or otherwise official copy of the child's foreign birth certificate;
- A certified translation of all required documents that are not written in English;
- Proof that the child was granted lawful entry into the United States as an immediate relative of the adoptive parent or parents;
- A report from at least one postplacement home visit by an intercountry adoption agency or a contractor of that agency licensed to provide intercountry adoption services in the state of California; and
- A copy of the home study report previously completed for the international finalized adoption by an adoption agency authorized to provide intercountry adoption services, in accordance with Family Code section 8900.

### 4 Take your forms to court

Take the completed forms and any required documents to the court clerk in the county where you live. The court will charge a \$20.00 filing fee (set by Health and Safety Code section 103730). Or take the forms to your lawyer or adoption agency, if you are using one.

### 5 Provide a copy of the forms and documents

If the child's adoption was finalized in a foreign country, provide a copy of the forms and documentation you filed with the court to any adoption agency that provided services to you for your international adoption.

### 6 Go to court on the date of your hearing

Bring:

- The child you are adopting;
- Form ADOPT-210;
- Form ADOPT-215;
- Form ADOPT-230;
- A camera, if you want a photo of you and your child with the judge (*optional*); and
- Friends/relatives (*optional*).

## Inquiry and Notice Under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

- ☐ The child and other people in the child's life (parents and extended family members, see definition below) must be asked specific questions in order to determine whether the child may be an Indian child. The *Indian Child Inquiry Attachment* (form [ICWA-010\(A\)](#)) should be attached to the *Adoption Request*. In agency adoptions, it is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that this inquiry is conducted and that the form is made part of the adoption file. In independent adoptions, the adoption service provider, CDSS Regional Office, or delegated county adoption agency is responsible. For more information about the duty of inquiry, see form [ICWA-005-INFO](#).
- ☐ Extended family member is defined by law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, if no law or custom, must be a person who is 18 years or older and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent. (25 U.S.C. § 1903(2)(2).)
- ☐ A completed version of *Parental Notification of Indian Status* (form [ICWA-020](#)) for each birth parent should be attached to the *Adoption Request*, OR it should be shown that a good faith attempt was made to provide the form to each birth parent, the Indian custodian, or guardian of the child and inform them that they are required to complete and submit the form to the court. In agency adoptions, it is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that this form is provided to the birth parents and made part of the adoption file. In independent adoptions, the adoption service provider, CDSS Regional Office, or delegated county adoption agency is responsible.



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- ☐ If there is **reason to believe** that the child is or may be an Indian child, additional inquiry is required. For more information about the duty of inquiry, see form ICWA-005-INFO.
- ☐ If, at any time during the proceeding, there is **reason to know** that the child is an Indian child, notice must be provided of the adoption request to the child's tribe or tribes, parents, Indian custodian, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, using *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030). This form must be served by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested.
  - Reason to know a child is an Indian child means that (1) a person having an interest in the child, including the child, informs the court the child is an Indian child; or (2) the child, the child's parents, or Indian custodian lives on a reservation or in an Alaska Native village; or (3) any person, tribe, or organization informs the court that it has discovered information indicating that the child is an Indian child. The court must proceed per rule 5.481(b)(3) of the California Rules of Court.
- ☐ If it is determined that the child **is an Indian child** or this is a tribal customary adoption, see Adoption of an Indian Child, below.

### **Adoption of an Indian Child**

If you are adopting an Indian child, fill out and bring to court the following additional forms:

- ☐ *Adoption of Indian Child* (form ADOPT-220); and
- ☐ *Parent of Indian Child Agrees to End Parental Rights* (form ADOPT-225).

If this is a tribal customary adoption, a copy of the tribal customary adoption order must be attached to the petition (form ADOPT-200) and the order (form ADOPT-215).

Note: An Indian child who has reached the age of 18 and who was placed for adoption, may apply to the court which entered the final order or decree. That court shall inform that child of their tribal affiliation, if any, of the child's biological parents and provide such other information as may be necessary to protect any rights flowing from the child's tribal relationship. [USC 25, Chpt.21,Section 1917]

### **"Open" Adoption and Use of *Contact After Adoption Agreement* (Family Code Section 8616.5)**

If you want your child to have contact with their birth relatives after the adoption, you can use *Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-310). This form describes the kind of contact the birth relatives will have with your child after the adoption is finalized. If you use this form, fill it out and file this form with the court before the finalization hearing or order of the court. A file-marked copy of this agreement must be provided within 30 days of filing to all adult parties to this agreement and any licensed agency that placed the child or consented to the adoption, and the child, if over the age of 12.

Important: This is a voluntary agreement and is not required for the finalization of the adoption. If you chose to use this form, it will become part of the adoption file and will be enforceable by the court.

The adoptive parent or parents, the child, and the child's birth relatives can agree to continuing contact without using this form, but unless that agreement is in writing and attached to the *Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-310) it may not be enforced by the court if it is not followed.

Birth relatives are birth parents, siblings, and other birth relatives. For Indian children, this can also include the child's Indian tribe.



Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**Instructions**

This request must be completed for agency, independent, intercountry, and tribal customary adoptions. For a stepparent adoption or a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage, use *Stepparent Adoption Request* (form ADOPT-203). Fill out one adoption request for each child to be adopted.

You may also need to provide additional forms, certified documents, or other paperwork to inform the judge of the status of a parent or possible parent who may have parental rights in these proceedings and how that parent will or will not participate in these proceedings.

For more information on the different types of adoptions and how to determine the status of a parent and the documentation that may be required, see form ADOPT-050-INFO, [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions](http://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions), or visit your local county court self-help center before filling out this form.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

**1 Adopting parent or parents**

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Lawyer (if any) (name, address, telephone numbers, email address, and State Bar number): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check this box if there are more adopting parents. Use a separate piece of paper and write "ADOPT-200, Other Adoptive Parents" at the top and complete a–e. Turn it in with this form.

**2 Hearing is set for:**

(To be completed by the clerk of the superior court if a hearing date is available.)



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and address of court if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the person served with this request:** If you do not come to this hearing, the judge can order the adoption without your input.

**3 Each adopting parent:**

- a. Is at least 10 years older than the child or meets the criteria in Family Code section 8601(b);
- b. Will treat the child as their own;
- c. Will support and care for the child;
- d. Has a suitable home for the child; *and*
- e. Agrees to adopt the child.





Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**4 County of filing**

This *Adoption Request* is filed in this court because (*check all that apply*):

- a. ☐ An adopting parent lives in this county;
- b. ☐ The child was born in or the child now lives in this county;
- c. ☐ An office of the agency that placed the child or is filing the request for adoption is located in this county;
- d. ☐ An office of the department or public adoption agency that is investigating the request is located in this county;
- e. ☐ A placing birth parent lived in this county when the adoptive placement agreement, consent, or relinquishment was signed;
- f. ☐ A placing birth parent lived in this county when the request was filed;
- g. ☐ The child was freed for adoption in this county.

(Note: If the child is a dependent of the court (in foster care), this *Adoption Request* must be filed in the county where the child was freed for adoption or the county where the adopting parent or parents reside. See Family Code sections 8714 and 8714.5). For more information on dependent children, [selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/juvenile-dependency](http://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/juvenile-dependency).

**5 Type of adoption**

Check one of the following:

- a. ☐ Agency (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Relative ☐ Nonrelative  
☐ Tribal customary adoption (*attach tribal customary adoption order*)
- b. ☐ Independent: ☐ Relative ☐ Nonrelative ☐ Additional Parent (more than two)
- c. ☐ Intercounty (*name of agency*): \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Information about the child**

- a. Child's name before adoption (only for independent, intercountry, tribal customary adoption, or dependent child's adoption by a relative (Family Code, § 8714.5):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Nonbinary
- c. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Child's address (*if different from address of adopting parent or parents*):  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Place of birth (*if known*): City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. If the child is 12 or older, does the child agree to the adoption? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- g. Date child was placed in the physical care of the adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. The child was conceived by assisted reproduction in compliance with Family Code section 7613. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- i. The child is a dependent of the court. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, add Juvenile Case No. and County)  
Juvenile Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_
- j. ☐ The child's new name will be: \_\_\_\_\_



Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**7 Legal guardian**

Does the child have a legal guardian? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, attach *Letters of Guardianship* or fill out below.)

a. Date guardianship ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

b. County: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

**8 Inquiry and notice under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)**

- a. ☐ The inquiry required under law to determine whether the child may be an Indian child has been made, and a completed *Indian Child Inquiry Attachment* (form ICWA-010(A)) is attached.

Note: In agency adoptions, it is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that this inquiry is conducted and the form is made part of the file. In independent adoptions, the adoption service provider, CDSS Regional Office, or delegated county adoption agency is responsible. For adoptions of a dependent child under the Welfare and Institutions Code, other evidence, including court orders regarding ICWA, may be necessary.

- b. ☐ A completed version of *Parental Notification of Indian Status* (form ICWA-020) is attached OR a good faith attempt has been made to provide the form to the parents, Indian custodian, or guardian of the child and inform them that they are required to complete and submit the form to the court.

Note: In agency adoptions, it is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that these forms are made part of the file. In independent adoptions, the adoption service provider, CDSS Regional Office, or delegated county adoption agency is responsible.

- c. ☐ There is **reason to know** that this child is an Indian child. Notice of the adoption request will be provided to the child's tribe or tribes, parents, Indian custodian, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, using *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030).

For more information on these requirements and for definitions, see form ADOPT-050-INFO.

**9 Adoption of an Indian child**

- a. ☐ This is an adoption of an Indian child. The adopting parent or parents have filled out and attached *Adoption of Indian Child* (form ADOPT-220) and will bring *Parent of Indian Child Agrees to End Parental Rights* (form ADOPT-225) to the hearing.

- b. ☐ This is a tribal customary adoption under Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.24. Parental rights have been modified under and in accordance with the attached tribal customary adoption order, and the child has been ordered placed for adoption.

**10 Agency adoption information**

- a. ☐ The adopting parent or parents have received information about the Adoption Assistance Program, the Regional Center, mental health services available through Medi-Cal or other programs, and federal and state tax credits that may be available.

- b. ☐ Joinder is being filed at same time as this *Adoption Request*.

- c. ☐ Joinder will be filed.



Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**11 Independent adoption information**

- a. The adopting parent or parents will file promptly with the department or delegated county adoption agency the information required by the department in the investigation of the proposed adoption.
- b. ☐ A copy of the *Independent Adoption Placement Agreement* from the California Department of Social Services is attached. (This is required in most independent adoptions; see Family Code section 8802.)
- c. ☐ All persons with parental rights agree to the adoption and have signed the *Independent Adoptive Placement Agreement* or consent on the appropriate California Department of Social Services form.

(List the name and relationship to child of each person who has not signed the agreement form):

- d. ☐ The child will have more than two parents. The following persons with existing parental rights agree to this adoption and will maintain their existing parental rights:

(1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) An agreement waiving termination of parental rights, signed by both the existing parents and the adopting parent or parents, was filed with the court.

**Note:** If a person who may have parental rights has not signed a consent or relinquishment, the adopting parent or parents must obtain other signed documents or file for termination of parental rights or other action.

**12 Intercountry and California re-adoption questions**

- a. ☐ This adoption may be subject to the Hague Adoption Convention (*form ADOPT-216 may be required to be filed with this request. See Calif. Rules of Court 5.490-5.493.*)
- b. ☐ This is an adoption conducted under the requirements of the Hague Adoption Convention and the child has already moved with the adopting parent or parents to another Hague Convention member country or will be moving at the conclusion of this adoption.

Child will be moving or has moved to (name of country): \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting parent or parents: ☐ seek(s) a California adoption ☐ will be petitioning for a Hague Adoption Certificate ☐ will be seeking a Hague Custody Declaration.

- c. ☐ This is an intercountry re-adoption. The adoption was finalized in another country before the child entered the United States with the adopting parent or parents.

Date the child entered the United States: \_\_\_\_\_

See form ADOPT-050-INFO for a list of documents to attach to this *Adoption Request*.

**13 Contact after adoption (optional)**

*Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-310) (Family Code, § 8616.5)

- a. ☐ is attached.
- b. ☐ is attached as required in Family Code section 8714.50 (dependent child agency adoption).
- c. ☐ will be completed as required in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16002 between siblings and filed before the adoption hearing.
- d. ☐ will be filed before the adoption hearing.
- e. ☐ This is a tribal customary adoption. Postadoption contact is governed by the attached tribal customary adoption order.

For more information, see form ADOPT-050-INFO.





Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information Needed**

If there are any other persons who are or may be the child's parent, you will be required to obtain additional forms, submit specified paperwork, and possibly participate in additional court proceedings. Other paperwork or additional court proceedings may be necessary. During the adoption process, you must provide additional documents to the court or the department or agency handling your home study. These documents can include:

- Consent or relinquishment for adoption—properly signed and accepted by court.
- Death certificates, prior court orders, or pending court orders.
- Waiver or denial of parentage—properly signed and accepted by court.

Additional court proceedings can include:

- Filing a petition and order freeing the child from parental custody and control. This is a separate action.
- Filing a petition and order terminating parental rights of an alleged father. This action can be filed within the adoption process.

Important: Seek the advice of an attorney. Refer to form ADOPT-050-INFO, see also

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/adoptions>, or visit your local county court self-help center for more information.


**14 Requests to court**

- a. ☐ The adopting parent or parents ask the court to approve the adoption and to declare that the adopting parent or parents and the child have the legal relationship of parent and child, with all the rights and duties of this relationship, including the right of inheritance.
- b. ☐ The adopting parent or parents ask the court to date its order approving the adoption as of an earlier (date): \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason (Family Code, § 8601.5):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_


(Enter a date no earlier than the date parental rights were ended.)


- c. ☐ This is a tribal customary adoption. The adopting parent or parents ask the court to approve the adoption and to declare that the adopting parent or parents and the child have the legal relationship of parent and child, with all of the rights and duties stated in the attached tribal customary adoption order and in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.24.


**15** If a lawyer is representing you in this case, the lawyer must sign here:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Type or print lawyer's name*  \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature of lawyer for adopting parent or parents*

**16** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in this form and all its attachments is true and correct to my knowledge. This means that if I lie on this form, I am guilty of a crime.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Type or print your name*  \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature of adopting parent*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Type or print your name*  \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature of adopting parent*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *Type or print your name*  \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature of adopting parent*

**NOTICE—ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE:** Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay toward high-quality affordable health care. For more information, visit [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com), or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506 (English) or 1-800-300-0213 (Spanish).

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**1 Adopting parent or parents**

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Address (skip this if you have a lawyer): \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Lawyer (if any) (name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and State Bar number): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Check this box if there are more adopting parents. Use a separate piece of paper and write "ADOPT-210, Other Adopting Parents" at the top and complete a-d. Turn it in with this form.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Information about the child**

Child's name before adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name after adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signing this form:**

- Adoptions usually require a hearing where most signatures on this form must be completed in front of a judge.
- Item ⑤ may be signed before the hearing.
- If this is a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage involving a spouse or registered domestic partner who gave birth to the child or established parentage over a child born through gestational surrogacy during the union, usually no hearing is required and you may sign this form in front of a proper witness. See item 9a for instructions on having your signature properly witnessed. If the court orders a hearing in this case, you must sign this form at the hearing in front of the judge.
- All other signatures must be signed at a hearing, in front of a judge, unless waived by the judge for good cause.

**3 I am the child listed in ② and I agree to the adoption. (Not required in the case of a tribal customary adoption under Welf. & Inst. Code, § 366.24.)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print your name

Signature of child (child must sign if 12 or older; optional if child is under 12)

**4 If there is one adopting parent (including stepparent), read and sign:**

I am the adopting parent listed in ①, and I agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as my legal child (Family Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights as a natural child born to me, including the right to inherit my estate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent



Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑤ *If the adopting parent is married and not separated, the consent of their spouse is required (Family Code, § 8603). Spouse must sign here:*

I am married to, or am the registered domestic partner of, the adopting parent listed in ①, and I am not a party to this adoption. I agree to the adoption of the child by the adopting parent listed in ①.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of spouse or registered domestic partner  
(may be signed before hearing)

- ⑥ *For stepparent adoptions only:  
If you are the legal parent of the child listed in ②, read and sign below.*

I am the legal parent of the child and am the spouse or registered domestic partner of the adopting parent listed in ①. I agree to the adoption of my child by the adopting parent listed in ①.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of legal parent

- ⑦ *If there is more than one adopting parent, read and sign below.*

We are the adopting parents listed in ①, and we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as our legal child (Family Code, § 8612(b)); and
- b. Have the same rights as a natural child born to us, including the right to inherit our estate.

I agree to the other parent's or parents' adoption of the child.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of adopting parent

I agree to the other parent's or parents' adoption of the child.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of adopting parent

I agree to the other parent's or parents' adoption of the child.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of adopting parent

☐ Check this box if there are more adopting parents. Use a separate piece of paper and write "ADOPT-210, Item 7" at the top and include name, signature, and date signed. Turn it in with this form.

- ⑧ *If this is a tribal customary adoption, read and sign below.*

I or we are the adopting parents listed in ①, and I or we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as my/our legal child (Family Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights and duties stated in the tribal customary adoption order dated \_\_\_\_\_ (copy attached).



Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Caso Number: \_\_\_\_\_

8 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name Signature of adopting parent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name Signature of adopting parent

- ☐ Check this box if there are more adopting parents. Use a separate piece of paper and write "ADOPT-210, Item 8" at the top and include name, signature, and date signed. Turn it in with this form.

9 Executed (check one):

- a. ☐ This form was signed outside of a hearing. (Select this option for either a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage under Family Code section 9000.5, where the court did not order a hearing for good cause, or if the court waived appearance under Family Code, section 8613 or 8613.5.)

- (1) ☐ This form was signed in California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness (check one):

- ☐ Notary public (the notary acknowledgment is attached)  
☐ Court clerk  
☐ Probation officer  
☐ Qualified court investigator  
☐ Authorized representative of a licensed adoption agency  
☐ County welfare department staff member

- (2) ☐ This form was signed outside of California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness (check one):

- ☐ Notary public (the notary acknowledgment is attached)  
☐ Other person authorized to perform notarial acts (proof of notarization is attached)  
☐ Authorized representative of an adoption agency that is licensed in the state or country where this form was signed

- (3) Witness information

This form was signed in: (county) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (country) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency witness works for (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☐ This form was signed at a hearing in front of a judicial officer. (The judge will date and sign the form below.)  
c. ☐ This form was signed by the adopting parent or parents either before or while the adopting parent or parents were attending a remote hearing and was acknowledged by the judicial officer. (The judge will date and sign the form below.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge or Judicial Officer

# ADOPT-215 Adoption Order

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

## 1 Adopting parent or parents

- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Additional street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Lawyer (if any) (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and State Bar number): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in court name and street address:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

**Case Number:**

## 2 Information about the child

Child's name after adoption:

- a. First name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Middle name: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Last name: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Place of birth (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Name of adoption agency (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Hearing details

- a. Hearing date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ Div.: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm.: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Judicial officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk's office telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. People present at the hearing:
- ☐ Adopting parent or parents ☐ Lawyer for adopting parent or parents
- ☐ Child ☐ Child's lawyer
- ☐ Parent or parents keeping parental rights: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other people present (list each name and relationship to child): \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Check here if there are more names. Attach a sheet of paper, write "ADOPT-215, Item 4" at the top, and list the additional names and each person's relationship to child. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.



Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- ④ d. ☐ The hearing is waived pursuant to Family Code section 9000.5 (*Check this box only if this is an adoption confirming parentage of a parent who was married to or in a state-registered domestic partnership, including a registered domestic partnership or civil union from another jurisdiction, with the legal parent at the time the child was born.*)

**Judge will fill out section below.**

- ⑤ The judge finds that the child (*check all that apply*):
- a. ☐ Is 12 or older and agrees to the adoption
  - b. ☐ Is under 12
  - c. ☐ Is not required to consent because this is a tribal customary adoption.
- ⑥ The judge has reviewed the report and other documents and evidence and finds that:
- a. Proper notice to all persons with actual or possible parental rights has been provided and their voluntary or nonvoluntary participation is documented in the court file.
  - b. Each adopting parent:
    - (1) Is at least 10 years older than the child or meets the criteria in Family Code section 8601(b);
    - (2) Will treat the child as their own;
    - (3) Will support and care for the child;
    - (4) Has a suitable home for the child; *and*
    - (5) Agrees to adopt the child.
- ⑦ Child's name before adoption  
*Complete for nonrelative agency, independent, intercountry, or stepparent adoption.  
If this is an adoption of a dependent child by a relative filed under Family Code section 8714.5, complete only if requested by the adopting relative or by the child being adopted, if 12 years of age or older.*  
First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑧ ☐ The child is an Indian child. The judge finds that this adoption meets the placement requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act or that there is good cause to give preference to these adopting parent or parents. The clerk will fill out ⑭ below.
- ⑨ ☐ The judge approves the *Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-310)  
☐ As submitted    ☐ As amended on form ADOPT-310
- ⑩ ☐ This is a tribal customary adoption. The tribal customary adoption order of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe dated \_\_\_\_\_ containing \_\_\_\_\_ pages and attached hereto is fully incorporated into this order of adoption.
- ⑪ ☐ This is an adoption under the Hague Adoption Convention. *Verification of Compliance with Hague Adoption Convention Attachment* (form ADOPT-216) is attached and fully incorporated into this order.





Adopting parent or parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- 12 ☐ (Do not complete for intercountry adoptions.) The child will have more than two parents. The following persons with existing parental rights agree to this adoption and will maintain their existing parental rights:
- a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. An agreement waiving termination of parental rights, signed by both the existing parents and the adopting parent or parents, was filed with the court.

- 13 The judge believes the adoption is in the child's best interest and orders this adoption. The child's name after adoption will be:
- First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_
- The adopting parent or parents and the child are now parent and child under the law, with all the rights and duties of the parent-child relationship or, in the case of a tribal customary adoption, all the rights and duties set out in the tribal customary adoption order and Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.24.
- ☐ The judge believes it will serve public policy and the best interest of the child to grant the request of the adopting parent or parents for the court to make this order effective as of (date): \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge or Judicial Officer

**Clerk will fill out section below.**

14 **Clerk's Certificate of Mailing**

For the adoption of an Indian child, the clerk certifies:

I am not a party to this adoption. I placed a filed copy of:

- ☐ Adoption Request (form ADOPT-200) ☐ Adoption of Indian Child (form ADOPT-220)  
☐ Adoption Order (form ADOPT-215) ☐ Contact After Adoption Agreement (form ADOPT-310)

in a sealed envelope, marked "Confidential" and addressed to:

Chief, Division of Social Services  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
1849 C Street, NW  
Mail Stop 310-SIB  
Washington, DC 20240

The envelope was mailed by U.S. mail, with full postage, from:

Place: \_\_\_\_\_ on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk, by: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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**PART I** The information provided in this section must be the information as it was at birth. Without this data, it may be impossible to prepare a new Certificate of Birth.

FACTS OF BIRTH	1A. NAME OF CHILD—FIRST <b>SALLY</b>		1B. MIDDLE <b>MARY</b>		1C. LAST (BIRTH) <b>SAMPLE</b>	
	2. SEX <b>F</b>	3. DATE OF BIRTH—MM/DD/CCYY <b>01/15/2011</b>	4. NAME OF PHYSICIAN (OR ATTENDANT, CERTIFIER, OR OTHER PERSON WHO ATTENDED THIS BIRTH) <b>SAMPLE PHYSICIAN</b>			
	5A. PLACE OF BIRTH—NAME OF HOSPITAL OR FACILITY <b>GENERAL HOSPITAL</b>			5B. CITY <b>HOLLYWOOD</b>		5C. STATE OR COUNTRY <b>CALIFORNIA</b>
PARENTS' DATA	5A. FULL NAME OF PARENT—FIRST <b>MARK</b>		5B. MIDDLE <b>J</b>		5C. LAST (BIRTH) <b>SAMPLE</b>	
	7A. FULL NAME OF PARENT—FIRST <b>MARY</b>		7B. MIDDLE <b>ANN</b>		7C. LAST (BIRTH) <b>POPPINS</b>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">             6D. RELATIONSHIP  <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FATHER  <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             7D. RELATIONSHIP  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER  <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT           </div> </div>						

**PART II** Adoptive parents must furnish personal information about themselves as it was on the child's date of birth. This information is used to prepare the new Certificate of Birth.

PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input type="checkbox"/>					
	9A. NAME OF PARENT—FIRST <b>JOHN</b>		9B. MIDDLE <b>JAMES</b>		9C. LAST (BIRTH) <b>SMITH</b>	
	9. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH <b>CALIFORNIA</b>			10. DATE OF BIRTH—MM/DD/CCYY <b>08/17/1985</b>		
PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	11A. NAME OF PARENT—FIRST <b>MARY</b>		11B. MIDDLE <b>ANN</b>		11C. LAST (BIRTH) <b>POPPINS</b>	
	12. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH <b>CALIFORNIA</b>			13. DATE OF BIRTH—MM/DD/CCYY <b>11/03/1988</b>		
<p>14. PLEASE CHECK ONE</p> <p>I want the original birth certificate sealed, and a new birth certificate established. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">15. Do you want the name of the hospital or other facility where birth occurred omitted from the new birth certificate as provided for in Section 102645 of the Health and Safety Code? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)</span></p> <p>Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 102640, I choose not to have a new birth certificate established. <input type="checkbox"/> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span></p>						
VERIFICATION OF PART II	16. SIGNATURE OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II <b>MARY POPPINS-SMITH</b>			17. MAILING ADDRESS OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II <b>15 FANTASY ROAD, HOLLYWOOD, CA 98674</b>		
AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT	18A. NAME OF AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT <b>FANTASY ADOPTIONS</b>			18B. MAILING ADDRESS OF AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT INVESTIGATED/HANDLED THE ADOPTION <b>1 SAMPLE WAY, HOLLYWOOD, CA 98674</b>		
ATTORNEY	19A. SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF ATTORNEY <b>ATTORNEY SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME</b>			19B. MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY <b>999 TRICYCLE LANE, HOLLYWOOD, CA 98674</b>		

**PART III** The court clerk must obtain as much information as is available to complete Parts I and II before completing Part III and forwarding the record and Court Order/Final Decree to the State Registrar as required by law.

COURT CLERK	20. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE ABOVE NAMED ADOPTIVE PARENTS ON THE <b>15</b> DAY OF <b>MARCH</b> , 20 <b>17</b> AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION MADE ON THAT DATE IN CASE NUMBER <b>CASE NUMBER</b>					
	21A. NEW NAME AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION—FIRST <b>SALLY</b>		21B. MIDDLE <b>MARY</b>		21C. LAST <b>SMITH</b>	
	22. SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF COURT CLERK <b>SIGNATURE OF COURT CLERK—SEAL</b>			BY <b>COURT CLERK</b>		
	23. CLERK IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF <b>LOS ANGELES</b>		24. DATE SIGNED—MM/DD/CCYY <b>03/15/2017</b>		25. DATE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED—MM/DD/CCYY <b>02/15/2017</b>	
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM CERTIFIED COPY IS TO BE SENT	NAME <b>MARY POPPINS-SMITH</b>					
	ADDRESS—Street and Number <b>15 FANTASY ROAD</b>		CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE <b>HOLLYWOOD, CA 98674</b>		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>999 ) 222-8888</b>	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Court Clerk shall complete and transmit a court report of adoption to CDPH - Vital Records for each decree of adoption granted by any court in the State of California.

CDPH - Vital Records shall transmit court reports of adoptions for births that occurred in another state, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, or Canada to the appropriate registration authority.

The information contained in Part I and Part II of this certificate is required in order to identify and seal the original birth certificate and prepare a new birth certificate. Once the original birth certificate is sealed, it is only available upon order of a Superior Court.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The agency or department handling the adoption should fill out Parts I and II, but the Court Clerk may complete any incomplete items in Part I or Part II from the information furnished in the court record.

When requested by the adoptive parents, the CDPH - Vital Records shall **not** establish a new birth certificate for the child. (Health & Safety Code Section 102640.) The adoptive parents should indicate in Item 14 whether they DO want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "Yes" Box) or whether they DO NOT want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "No" Box).

The adoptive parents may request CDPH - Vital Records to omit the specific name and address of the hospital or other facility where the birth occurred by checking the "Yes" Box in Item 15. (Health & Safety Code Section 102645.)

A deceased spouse of an adopting single parent can be listed on the new birth certificate if both adopting parents were in the home at the time of the initial placement of the child for adoption. Refer to Health & Safety Code Section 10266 for additional requirements.

One of the adopting parents must verify the information in Part I, sign in Item 16, and enter his or her mailing address in Item 17. The name and address of the agency or department and the attorney handling the adoption should be entered in Items 18 and 19.

The applicable fee shall be paid to the Court Clerk at the time of filing the petition in an adoption proceeding for the services required by statute of the State Registrar. (Health & Safety Code Section 103730.)

For cases in which the petition for adoption was filed on or after January 1, 1972, and the individual was born in California or a foreign country, a certified copy of the new birth record will be furnished without additional fee as provided in Health & Safety Code Section 102710.

For adoptions that occurred prior to January 1, 1972, or in another state, a fee must be submitted for processing the new birth certificate, which includes one certified copy.

Additional certified copies may be obtained from CDPH - Vital Records, but there is an additional fee for each additional certified copy requested. Please contact CDPH - Vital Records for the current fees, or visit our website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov). Please do not order additional copies until you have reviewed the original copy for accuracy. The mailing address for CDPH - Vital Records is:

California Department of Public Health - Vital Records  
MS 5103  
P.O. Box 997410  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410



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PARENTS' DATA	6A. FULL NAME OF PARENT—FIRST		6B. MIDDLE		6C. LAST (BIRTH)		6D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	7A. FULL NAME OF PARENT—FIRST		7B. MIDDLE		7C. LAST (BIRTH)		7D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT

## PART II

Adoptive parents must furnish personal information about themselves as it was on the child's date of birth. This information is used to prepare the new Certificate of Birth.

PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input type="checkbox"/>						
	8A. NAME OF PARENT—FIRST		8B. MIDDLE		8C. LAST (BIRTH)		8D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	9. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH			10. DATE OF BIRTH—MM/DD/CCYY			
PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input type="checkbox"/>						
	11A. NAME OF PARENT—FIRST		11B. MIDDLE		11C. LAST (BIRTH)		11D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	12. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH			13. DATE OF BIRTH—MM/DD/CCYY			
14. PLEASE CHECK ONE I want the original birth certificate sealed, and a new birth certificate established. <input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 102640, I choose not to have a new birth certificate established. <input type="checkbox"/>							
15. Do you want the name of the hospital or other facility where birth occurred omitted from the new birth certificate as provided for in Section 102645 of the Health and Safety Code? (PLEASE CHECK ONE) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>							
VERIFICATION OF PART II	16. SIGNATURE OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II ▶			17. MAILING ADDRESS OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II			
AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT	18A. NAME OF AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT			18B. MAILING ADDRESS OF AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT INVESTIGATED/HANDLED THE ADOPTION			
ATTORNEY	19A. SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF ATTORNEY ▶			19B. MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY			

## PART III

The court clerk must obtain as much information as is available to complete Parts I and II before completing Part III and forwarding the record and Court Order/Final Decree to the State Registrar as required by law.

COURT CLERK	20. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE ABOVE NAMED ADOPTIVE PARENTS ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____, AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION MADE ON THAT DATE IN CASE NUMBER _____					
	21A. NEW NAME AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION—FIRST		21B. MIDDLE		21C. LAST	
	22. SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF COURT CLERK ▶			BY:		
	23. CLERK IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF:		24. DATE SIGNED—MM/DD/CCYY		25. DATE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED—MM/DD/CCYY	
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM CERTIFIED COPY IS TO BE SENT	NAME					
	ADDRESS—Street and Number		CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Court Clerk shall complete and transmit a court report of adoption to CDPH - Vital Records for each decree of adoption granted by any court in the State of California.

CDPH - Vital Records shall transmit court reports of adoptions for births that occurred in another state, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, or Canada to the appropriate registration authority.

The information contained in Part I and Part II of this certificate is required in order to identify and seal the original birth certificate and prepare a new birth certificate. Once the original birth certificate is sealed, it is only available upon order of a Superior Court.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The agency or department handling the adoption should fill out Parts I and II, but the Court Clerk may complete any incomplete items in Part I or Part II from the information furnished in the court record.

When requested by the adoptive parents, the CDPH - Vital Records shall **not** establish a new birth certificate for the child. (Health & Safety Code Section 102640.) The adoptive parents should indicate in Item 14 whether they DO want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "Yes" Box) or whether they DO NOT want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "No" Box).

The adoptive parents may request CDPH - Vital Records to omit the specific name and address of the hospital or other facility where the birth occurred by checking the "Yes" Box in Item 15. (Health & Safety Code Section 102645.)

A deceased spouse of an adopting single parent can be listed on the new birth certificate if both adopting parents were in the home at the time of the initial placement of the child for adoption. Refer to Health & Safety Code Section 102660 for additional requirements.

One of the adopting parents should verify the information in Part II, sign in Item 16, and enter his or her mailing address in Item 17. The name and address of the agency or department and the attorney handling the adoption should be entered in Items 18 and 19.

The applicable fee shall be paid to the Court Clerk at the time of filing the petition in an adoption proceeding for the services required by statute of the State Registrar. (Health & Safety Code Section 103730.)

For cases in which the petition for adoption was filed on or after January 1, 1972, and the individual was born in California or a foreign country, a certified copy of the new birth record will be furnished without additional fee as provided in Health & Safety Code Section 102710.

For adoptions that occurred prior to January 1, 1972, or in another state, a fee must be submitted for processing the new birth certificate, which includes one certified copy.

Additional certified copies may be obtained from CDPH - Vital Records, but there is an additional fee for each additional certified copy requested. Please contact CDPH - Vital Records for the current fees, or visit our website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov). Please do not order additional copies until you have reviewed the original copy for accuracy. The mailing address for CDPH - Vital Records is:

California Department of Public Health - Vital Records  
MS 5103  
P.O. Box 997410  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Original for Court Record

***In the Superior Court of the State of California  
in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_***

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In the Matter of the Petition of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

**STEPPARENT ADOPTION**

***Consent to Adoption by Parent Outside  
California in Armed Forces Giving Custody to  
Husband or Wife or Domestic Partner of Other Parent***

I, the undersigned, being the parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby give my full and free consent to the adoption of said child by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Petitioner (Stepparent)

the petitioner herein, it being fully understood by me that with the signing of this document my consent may not be withdrawn except with court approval, and that with the signing of the order of adoption by the court, I shall give up all my rights of custody, services, and earnings of said child, and that said child cannot be reclaimed by me.

Said child was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and is  
the child of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

Date

City and State

Name of Natural Parent

Name of Natural Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me \_\_\_\_\_,  
the undersigned officer, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ satisfactorily

Name of Officer

Name of Parent

proven to be (a) serving in the armed forces of the United States, (b) a spouse of a person serving in the armed forces of the United States, or (c) a person serving with, employed by, or accompanying the armed forces of the United States outside the United States and outside the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same. And the undersigned does further certify that he/she is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer in the active service of the armed forces of the United States having the general powers of a notary public under the provisions of Section 936 of Title 10 of the United States Code (Public Law 90-632).

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AND SERIAL NUMBER, RANK,  
BRANCH OF SERVICE AND CAPACITY IN WHICH SIGNED

**NOTICE TO BIRTH PARENT WHO CONSENTS TO THE CHILD'S ADOPTION:** If you or your child lived together at any time as parent and child, the adoption of your child by a stepparent does not affect the child's right to inherit your property or the property of blood relatives. For further information regarding this right of inheritance, you should consult an attorney at your own expense.

\* SEE REVERSE SIDE

This form to be used only when parent is giving custody of child to husband/wife/domestic partner, as defined in Family Code Section 297, of other parent.  
Original for court record.

Section 1183.5 of the Civil Code of California states in part:

**§ 1183.5, Notarial acts**

**Armed forces.** Any officer on active duty or performing inactive-duty training in the armed forces having the general powers of a notary public pursuant to Section 936 or 1044a of Title 10 of the United States Code (Public Law 90-632 and 101-510) and any successor statutes may perform all notarial acts for any person serving in the armed forces of the United States, wherever he or she may be, or for any spouse of a person serving in the armed forces, wherever he or she may be, or for any person eligible for legal assistance under laws and regulations of the United States, wherever he or she may be, for any person serving with, employed by, or accompanying such armed forces outside the United States and outside the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands, and any person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice outside of the United States.

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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Petition of

## STEPPARENT ADOPTION

Consent to Adoption by a Parent in or outside  
of California Giving Custody to Husband or Wife  
or Domestic Partner of Other Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

I, being the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ (Gender: M F)  
Name of Minor child

Do hereby give my full and free consent to the adoption of said child by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Petitioner (Stepparent)

*The petitioner herein, it being fully understood by me that with the signing of this document my consent may not be withdrawn except with court approval and that with the signing of the order of adoption by the court, I shall give up all my rights of custody; services, and earning of said child, and that said child cannot be reclaimed by me.*

Said child was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Date City and State

And is the child of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Birth Parent Name of Birth Parent

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent

### WITNESS BY:

*If this form is being signed in the State of California the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Probation Officer, qualified court investigator or; where stepparent investigations are delegated to County Welfare Departments, a County Welfare Department Staff member may witness. [Family Code § 9003]*

If this form is being signed outside the State of California only a notary or other person authorized to perform notary acts within that state can witness.

SIGNED IN COUNTY/STATE	NAME OF AGENCY
NAME OF WITNESS	TITLE OF WITNESS
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE

### COMPLETED BY NOTARY PUBLIC

*Complete this section when the form is not being signed in the presence of an agency representative. The Notary Public must staple the acknowledgement document to this form and sign and date.*

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY	DATE
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*This form to be used only when parent is giving custody of the child to the husband or wife or domestic partner, as defined in Family Code Section 297, or other parent. Original for court record.*

Original for Court Record  
 Certified Copy for State Department of Social Services

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

In the Matter of the Petition of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner



**STEPPARENT ADOPTION**

**Consent to Adoption by Parent  
 Retaining Custody**

I, the undersigned, being the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ give my full and  
Name of Minor  
 free consent to the adoption of said child by \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
Name of Petitioner (Stepparent)  
 my husband/wife/domestic partner without relinquishing any of my rights, duties, obligations as his/her parent, and I respectfully ask  
 that the petition be granted.

Said child was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and is the child  
Date City and State  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Legal Parent Name of Legal Parent  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

Signed in the presence of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Title

\* The Clerk of the Superior Court, the Probation Officer, or, where stepparent investigations are delegated to County Welfare Departments, a County Welfare Department Staff member may witness.

This form for use only when person giving consent is husband or wife of petitioner or domestic partner, as defined in Family Code Section 297, of petitioner.

Original for court record, certified copy to be sent immediately to California Department of Social Services, Sacramento.

CHILD'S NAME:

CASE NUMBER:

1. Name of child:

2. (Check one)

☐ I have not yet been able to complete the inquiry about the child's Indian status because:

I understand that I have an affirmative and continuing duty to complete this inquiry. I will do it as soon as possible and advise the court of my efforts.

☐ I have asked or ☐ I am advised by \_\_\_\_\_ and on information and belief confirm that this person has completed inquiry by asking the child, the child's parents, and other required and available persons about the child's Indian status. The person(s) questioned are:

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

City, state, zip:

City, state, zip:

Telephone:

Telephone:

Date questioned:

Date questioned:

Relationship to child:

Relationship to child:

☐ Additional persons questioned and their information is attached.

3. This inquiry (check one):

☐ gave me reason to believe the child is or may be an Indian child. (If yes, continue to 4.)

☐ gave me no reason to believe the child is or may be an Indian child.

4. ☐ I contacted the tribe(s) that the child may be affiliated with and worked with them to establish whether the child is a member or eligible for membership in the tribe(s). Information detailing the tribes contacted, the names of the individuals contacted, and the manner of the contacts is attached.

5. Based on inquiry and tribal contacts (check all that apply):

a. ☐ The child is or may be a member of or eligible for membership in a tribe.

Name of tribe(s):

Location of tribe(s):

b. ☐ The child's parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents are or were members of a tribe.

Name of tribe(s):

Location of tribe(s):

c. ☐ The residence or domicile of the child, child's parents, or Indian custodian is on a reservation, rancheria, Alaska Native village or other tribal trust land.

d. ☐ The child or the child's family has received services or benefits from a tribe or services that are available to Indians from tribes or the federal government, such as the Indian Health Service or Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

e. ☐ The child is or has been a ward of a tribal court.

Name of tribe(s):

Location of tribe(s):

f. ☐ Either parent or the child possesses an Indian Identification card indicating membership or citizenship in an Indian tribe.

Name of tribe(s):

Location of tribe(s):

6. If this is a delinquency proceeding under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 or 602:

☐ The child is in foster care.

☐ It is probable the child will be entering foster care.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: _____ STATE BAR NUMBER: _____ NAME: _____ FIRM NAME: _____ STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO.: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ATTORNEY FOR (name): _____	<b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>
<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF _____</b> STREET ADDRESS: _____ MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY AND ZIP CODE: _____ BRANCH NAME: _____	
CHILD'S NAME: _____	
<b>PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF INDIAN STATUS</b>	CASE NUMBER: _____

**To the parent, Indian custodian, or guardian of the above named child: You must provide all the requested information about the child's Indian status by completing this form. If you get new information that would change your answers, you must let your attorney, all the attorneys on the case, and the social worker or probation officer, or the court investigator know immediately and an updated form must be filed with the court.**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Relationship to child: ☐ Parent ☐ Indian custodian ☐ Guardian ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indian Status**

3. a. ☐ I am or may be a member of, or eligible for membership in, a federally recognized Indian tribe.  
     Name of tribe(s) (name each): \_\_\_\_\_  
     Location of tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ The child is or may be a member of, or eligible for membership in, a federally recognized Indian tribe.  
     Name of tribe(s) (name each): \_\_\_\_\_  
     Location of tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- c. ☐ One or more of my parents, grandparents, or other lineal ancestors is or was a member of a federally recognized tribe.  
     Name of tribe(s) (name each): \_\_\_\_\_  
     Location of tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
     Name and relationship of ancestor(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. ☐ I am a resident of or am domiciled on a reservation, rancheria, Alaska Native village, or other tribal trust land.
- e. ☐ The child is a resident of or is domiciled on a reservation, rancheria, Alaska Native village, or other tribal trust land.
- f. ☐ The child is or has been a ward of a tribal court.
- g. ☐ Either parent or the child possesses an Indian identification card indicating membership or citizenship in an Indian tribe.  
     Name of tribe(s) (name each): \_\_\_\_\_  
     Membership or citizenship number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
- h. ☐ None of the above apply.
4. A previous form ICWA-020 ☐ has ☐ has not been filed with the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (SIGNATURE)

**Note: This form is not intended to constitute a complete inquiry into Indian heritage. Further inquiry may be required by the Indian Child Welfare Act.**





**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**County of Kings**  
**1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, CA 93230**  
**(559) 582-1010**

**CHECK-LIST FOR ADOPTION INVESTIGATION**  
**(Utilized for a Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption Case)**

Dear Petitioner(s),

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 the questionnaire.
- ☐ **Personal Reference Questionnaire** (Stepparent or Domestic Partnership cases)  
One (1) questionnaire is provided in this packet. Six (6) need to be turned in, please make copies from this original. This questionnaire shall be completed by six individuals who will vouch for your qualifications 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 Law Code 7660 et sec.) **or**  
A copy is sufficient
  - 3. ☐ **Death Certificate of Natural Parent** (if applicable)
- ☐ **Record of Petitioner's or Domestic Partners Marriage Certificate**  
A copy is sufficient
- ☐ **Stepparent Adoption Investigation Fee of \$350.00**  
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.
- ☐ **Declare Minor Free of Custody and Control Investigation Fee of \$350.00**  
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.
- ☐ **Stepparent Adoption and Declare Minor Free of Custody and Control Investigation Fee of \$700.00**  
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

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, 1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, CA 93230, Attention: Adoption Clerk



In the Superior Court of the State of California  
*In and for the County of Kings*

(optional form)

**FOR COURT USE ONLY**  
(RECEIVED ON):

**ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
(For a Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption)

Case Number:

Hearing date (if applicable):

**Instructions to Petitioner:**

In order to begin the investigation ordered by the Court, you must complete this questionnaire and return it, along with your completed investigation packet to:

**KINGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

1640 Kings County Drive  
Hanford, CA 93230  
Attention: Adoption Clerk

The questionnaire is important in introducing you and your situation to the investigator handling your case. No appointment will be set up to interview you until the form is returned. When returned, you will be contacted by the investigator regarding an office appointment and interviewing your child(ren). (Attach additional pages as needed)

Name of Child (1):		DOB:	
Address of Child (1):			
Name of Child (2):		DOB:	
Address of Child (2):			
Name of Child (3):		DOB:	
Address of Child (3):			
<b>PETITIONER INFORMATION</b>			
Your current name:			
Other Names Used:			
Age:	DOB:	Place of Birth:	
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Home Phone:		Business Phone:	
Sex:	Height:	Weight:	Eyes: Hair:
Driver's License No.			

Provide previous residential history (Past 10 years):			
<b>CUSTODIAL PARENT OF CHILD</b>			
Name:			
Current or last known Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
DOB:	Place of Birth:		
Other Names Used:			
<b>NONCUSTODIAL PARENT OF CHILD (1)</b>			
Name:			
Current or last known Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
DOB:	Place of Birth:		
Date and location of last contact with child:			
<b>NONCUSTODIAL PARENT OF CHILD (2)</b>			
Name:			
Current or last known Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
DOB:	Place of Birth:		
Date and location of last contact with child:			
<b>NONCUSTODIAL PARENT OF CHILD (3)</b>			
Name:			
Current or last known Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
DOB:	Place of Birth:		
Date and location of last contact with child:			
<b>OTHER CHILDREN OF CUSTODIAL PARENT AND PETITIONER</b>			
Name:	Age:	DOB:	Living with whom?
<b>EMPLOYMENT DATA OF PROPOSED PETITIONER</b>			
Occupation:			
If unemployed, what are your employment plans?			

Present or last employer:		Address:		
Workdays & hours:	Employment began:	Ended:		
Previous Employer:				
Employment began:		Ended:		
<b>MARITAL HISTORY OF PETITIONER</b> (List of all marriages)				
Name (To Whom)	Date & Place	How Terminated (Divorce, Death)	Date Separated	Final
Was there ever any domestic violence in any of the marriages? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
If yes, please explain:				

<b>PETITIONERS CHILD(REN) FROM PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP(S)</b> (Include adult children, first & last names)			
Name (list all)	Age	DOB	Children's Address (If different than parent)

<b>PETITIONERS EDUCATION</b>		
High School graduate?	Year:	Name of school:
If not, grade last attended:		
Reason for leaving:		
College or University Attended	Degree/Units	Major



**PETITIONERS HEALTH**

Insurance:

Present health status: Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

If fair or poor, please explain:

Have you ever had a substance abuse problem with any of the following?

Alcohol ☐Yes ☐No Drugs ☐Yes ☐No

If yes to any of the above, please explain:

List all medications currently taking:

**PETITIONERS CRIMINAL RECORD**

Have charges ever been filed against you for any crime other than a traffic violation?

☐Yes ☐No If yes, please specify:

List Arrests	Where	When	Charge

Are you currently on Probation?

Officer's Name:

Are you currently on Parole?

Agent's Name:

Have you ever been involved with Child Protective Services?

☐Yes ☐No If yes, please explain:**FAMILY FUNCTIONING OF PROPOSED PETITIONER**

What types of activities do you participate in as a family?

**Minor (1) History – Professional Practitioners**

(Medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers, etc.)

Minor's present health status: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

If fair or poor, please explain:

Special health problems:

**Minor (2) History – Professional Practitioners**

(Medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers, etc.)

Minor's present health status: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

If fair or poor, please explain:

Special health problems:

**Minor (3) History – Professional Practitioners**

(Medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers, etc.)

Minor's present health status: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

If fair or poor, please explain:

Special health problems:

**School of Child (1)**Is the minor currently enrolled in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?

What grade?

Does the minor participate in extracurricular activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what activities?

**School of Child (2)**Is the minor currently enrolled in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?

What grade?

Does the minor participate in extracurricular activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what activities?

**School of Child (3)**Is the minor currently enrolled in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?

What grade?

Does the minor participate in extracurricular activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what activities?

**Summary of Views**

Please summarize your views and concerns as clearly as possible on the following pages. Please attach additional pages as necessary. Please reference the question number on additional pages.

1. Is there anyone who opposes your petition for adoption? Please explain.

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Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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(print name of Petitioner)

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(Signature of Petitioner)