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By: M. Johnson, Deputy

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

**IN RE: LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT  
ACT CONSERVATORSHIPS**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

**ORDER NO. 050420-48**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create significant health and safety concerns nationally, throughout the state, and in San Diego County. For good cause, and pursuant to the authority set forth in this Court's General Order of the Presiding Department, *IN RE: Third Implementation Order of the Presiding Judge re: Covid-19 Pandemic*, Order No. 043020-47, for matters related to the appointment, reappointment, ratification, modification and termination of Lanterman-Petris-Short Act ("LPS") Conservatorships, this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Filings must be submitted in person at the Criminal Business Office located at the Central Courthouse, 1100 Union Street, San Diego, California 92101.
2. All Letters of Conservatorship and Letters of Temporary Conservatorship which were or are set to expire between March 17, 2020, and June 30, 2020, are extended to July 21, 2020, or the earliest date thereafter upon which a hearing may be scheduled as to any pending appointment, reappointment, ratification, modification, or termination petitions. Good faith acts by an LPS conservator, conducted within the powers granted

1 to him/her in the original decree of conservatorship, which occur (i) beyond the date  
2 the conservatorship was set to expire and (ii) prior to the reappointment hearing, are  
3 permitted pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5363, and will be  
4 considered for ratification at the time of hearing.

- 5 3. Petitions for appointment, reappointment, ratification, modification, or termination of  
6 an LPS Conservatorship which were submitted to the Court prior to its closure, and  
7 which were scheduled to be heard between March 17, 2020, and May 31, 2020, will be  
8 rescheduled to be heard. Other petitions for appointment, reappointment, ratification,  
9 modification, or termination in which the LPS Conservatorship was or is set to expire  
10 between March 17, 2020, and June 30, 2020, will be scheduled to be heard.  
11 Appearances for all petitions will be conducted via telephone or video appearance  
12 unless and the until the Court provides notice that another form of the hearing will be  
13 utilized.

14 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
15 **UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.**

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 DATED: May 4, 2020



19 **HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE**  
20 **PRESIDING JUDGE**