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By: L. Miranda, Deputy

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

10 IN THE MATTER OF: 11 REMOTE PROCEEDINGS IN JUVENILE 12 DEPENDENCY CASES 13 14 _____	) ) ) ) ) )	ORDER AUTHORIZING REMOTE PROCEEDINGS IN JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CASES (CODE CIV. PROC., § 367.75(h); CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 3.672(i))
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Pursuant to its authority under California Rules of Court, rule 3.672, subdivisions (e) and (i), the Court hereby makes the following Order effective immediately and to remain in effect until San Diego Superior Court Rules, rule 6.1.15 is amended to state the following:

**6.1.15. Presence of Parties at Court Hearings**

**A. Remote Proceedings.** Court hearings may be conducted as remote proceedings as set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 3.672(i), except as follows:

**1.** A request for a remote appearance by a witness may be made orally at the time the matter is set for a contested hearing (“trial”) or at the pretrial status conference. During the period between the pretrial status conference and the trial, a request for a remote appearance by a witness may be made by email correspondence to the court and to the other parties or their counsel.

**2.** A request to compel the physical presence of a witness or a party may be made orally at the time the matter is set for a contested hearing (“trial”) or at the pretrial status conference.

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2 the physical presence of a witness or a party may be made by email correspondence to the court  
3 and to the other parties or their counsel.

4 **B. Presence of Children**

5 1. Children under four years of age are excused from attending all court hearings.

6 2. Children four years of age or older who wish to attend court shall be present unless the  
7 court finds that attending would be detrimental to the child. The court should excuse the child only  
8 for the portions of the proceeding which the court finds to be detrimental.

9 **C. Tribal appearances.** In any proceeding governed by the Indian Child Welfare Act involving  
10 an Indian child, the child's tribe may appear by any means described in California Rules of Court, rule  
11 5.482(g).

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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15 DATED: January 12, 2022

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18 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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