

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	STATE BAR NUMBER:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE Lamoreaux Justice Center: - 341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868-3205	
IN RE:	
PETITION FOR DECLARING CHILD(REN) FREE FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL	
CASE NUMBER:	

1. The petitioner(s) _____ respectfully represent(s) and allege(s) that the child(ren) listed below is/are a person(s) under the age of 18 and that said person(s) is/are within the County of Orange:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>City/State of Birth</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Petitioner(s) request(s) an order and judgment declaring the child(ren) free from the custody and control of:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Child(ren)</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____

pursuant to the following statutes:

- Family Code section 7822
 - The child(ren) has/have been left without provision for the child's identification by the child(ren)'s parent(s).
 - The child(ren) has/have been left by the parent(s) named above in the care and custody of another person for a period of six months without any provision for the child(ren)'s support, or without communication from the parent(s), with the intent on the part of the parent(s) to abandon the child(ren).
 - The parent(s) named above has/have left the child(ren) in the care and custody of the other parent for a period of one year without any provision for the child(ren)'s support, or without communication from the parent(s), with the intent on the parent(s) to abandon the child(ren).

– and –

Abandonment commenced (*date*) _____ and continued through (*date*) _____.

- Family Code section 7823 – The child(ren) has/have been neglected or cruelly treated by the parent(s) named above, the child(ren) has/have been a dependent of the juvenile court, and the parent(s) have been deprived of the child(ren)'s custody for one year before the filing of this petition.
- Family Code section 7824 – The parent(s) named above suffer(s) a disability because of the habitual use of alcohol or drugs, the child(ren) has/have been a dependent of the juvenile court, and the parent(s) has/have been deprived of the child(ren)'s custody for one year before filing this petition.

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- Family Code section 7825 – The parent(s) named above has/have been convicted of a felony, the facts of which are of such a nature so as to prove the unfitness of the parent(s) to have future custody and control of the child(ren).
- Family Code section 7826 – The parent(s) named above has/have been declared by a court of competent jurisdiction, wherever situated, to be developmentally disabled or mentally ill.
- Family Code section 7827 – The parent(s) named above is/are mentally disabled and is/are likely to remain so in the foreseeable future.
- Probate Code section 1516.5. – A guardian has been appointed for the child(ren), and one or both parents do not have legal custody of the child(ren); the child(ren) has/have been in the physical custody of the guardian for a period of not less than two years; and the child(ren) would benefit from being adopted by their guardian.

Additional facts in support of allegations *(give additional facts in detail, added pages may be used for this purpose)*:

3. The names and addresses of parent(s) and guardian(s) are:

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>Address(es)</i>
Father: _____	_____
Mother: _____	_____
Guardian(s): _____	_____

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) to be declared free from the custody and control of the parent(s) named in section 2 above.

Wherefore, petitioner(s) request(s) that this court inquire into such matter, and that said child(ren) be declared free from the custody and control of the parent(s) named in section 2 above as provided in Family Code sections 7800 et seq, and for such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

VERIFICATION

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

Date: _____

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