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1 CHAMBERS OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE
2 LOS ANGELES JUVENILE COURT
3 Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court
4 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 3
5 Monterey Park, California
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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 JUVENILE COURT

9 On behalf of:)

10 The Department of Children)
11 and Family Services,)

12 Petitioner)
13 _____)

SPECIAL BLANKET
ORDER RE: PRE-ADOPTIVE
PUBLICITY FOR ADOPTIVE
PLACEMENT

14 In order to facilitate obtaining the media coverage necessary to assist the Department of
15 Children and Family Services (DCFS) in its efforts to find suitable adoptive homes for children
16 under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, it is hereby ordered that:

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- 18 1. DCFS personnel is authorized to seek and utilize appropriate electronic and print publicity,
19 including formal press conferences, picnics and public events to find suitable adoptive
20 homes for children under the Court's jurisdiction. Public events may include the "Black
21 Adoption Festivals" and "Adoptions Day in Court" festivities at the Edmund D. Edelman
22 Children's Court.
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 - 24 2. Confidentiality is waived for the limited purpose of enabling DCFS to promote positive
25 publicity for group activities on behalf of children for whom reunification services with their
26 parents have been terminated and adoption identified as the permanent plan, and for those
27 children who have been freed for adoption. This also may include children who have been
28 ordered into a planned permanent living arrangement but who could be adopted if an

1 adoptive family were identified for them.

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3 3. The children may be photographed, videotaped, interviewed or voice recorded and their real
4 names used in any feature which positively promotes their individuality, suitability and
5 availability for adoption. However, no details of any child's underlying dependency court
6 case shall be publicly divulged by DCFS, and these details shall not be discussed with
7 children in interview situations. All contacts between children and media representatives
8 are to be closely monitored by DCFS personnel at all times.

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10 4. No photographs, videotapes or other identifying data, previously collected for adoptions
11 purposes, may be filed or publicly released for any other purpose without a further written
12 order from the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

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14 6. DCFS shall provide the child's attorney with the following notice:

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a. Ten days notice of his or her client's selection to participate in an adoption fair; and

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b. Twenty-four hour notice of his or her client being identified to participate in an
17 individualized media based recruitment event.

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19 7. If a child indicates that he or she does not wish to participate in an adoption event, the child
20 shall not be required to attend, as the child's wishes are to be respected. If the child's
21 treating professional has expressed concerns regarding the child's participation in an
22 adoption event, the issue shall be referred to the Adoption Specialization Team for resolution
23 among the child's attorney, social worker, and treating professional. If the concerns cannot
24 be resolved, the child's attorney shall seek a court hearing to determine the issue.

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26 8. DCFS is directed to ensure that all media representatives covering adoptions activities
27 adhere to the provisions of the Juvenile Court confidentiality and media policies and Los
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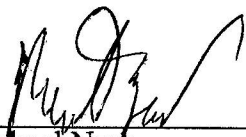
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Angeles County Superior Court Local Rules 17.1 and 17.2, particularly in relation to the limited scope of this order.

9. This order shall remain in effect until or unless it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or at the request of any interested parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11/19/63



Michael Nash
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court