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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**FAMILY DIVISION ORDER RE: FAMILY COURT SERVICES MEDIATION
THROUGH TELEPHONIC, REMOTE, OR TECH-BASED SERVICES**

The Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency related to COVID-19.

2. On March 16th and March 31, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued orders directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The current order also requires that essential services be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

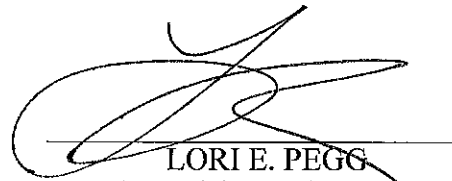
3. Protection of public health and safety in connection with this situation has resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services and proceedings.

1 4. Under these circumstances, Family Court Services (FCS) is unable to conduct in-
2 person mediations required by Family Code section 3170 et seq. while also complying with
3 current requirements for social distancing.

4 5. Accordingly, FCS may provide statutorily-required mediation through the use of
5 telephonic, remote, or tech-based services, and all parties scheduled for mediation shall appear
6 using the service designated by FCS.

7 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
8 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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11 Dated: April 7, 2020


LORI E. PEGG
Supervising Judge of the
Superior Court,
Family Division