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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
BY Jee Jee Vizconde DEPUTY

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

**ORDER EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES IN
ALL COURT HEARINGS UNDER THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT**

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the state and county emergency orders intended to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, this court on March 24, 2020, issued a temporary order authorizing all parties, their counsel and their witnesses to appear telephonically, via CourtCall, for all proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act set for hearing before the undersigned in Department 5. Due to the impact of the public health emergency on the ability of patients in mental health treatment facilities to consult in person with those typically responsible for the preparation of fee waiver applications, the court in its March 24, 2020 order further made a provisional finding that each patient or respondent individually named in each case title – in view of their eligibility for court-appointed counsel, alleged grave disability – was indigent and therefore presumptively entitled to a waiver of court fees for telephonic hearing(s).

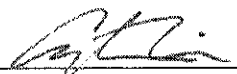
Because the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara has since extended its emergency order directing all individuals within the County to continue to shelter in place, the court hereby extends its order authorizing telephonic appearances and its provisional finding of eligibility for waiver of court fees through and including May 31, 2020, commensurate with the Health Officer's emergency order.

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This order is subject to reconsideration in the individual case, consistent with
Government Code section 68636, as well as further modification or extension by the court.

It is so ordered.

Date: May 14, 2020



Cynthia C. Lie
Judge of the Superior Court