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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

**ORDER RE TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES FOR ALL COURT HEARINGS UNDER
THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT**

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the state and county emergency orders intended to slow the spread of the virus, the court hereby authorizes all parties, their counsel and their witnesses to appear telephonically for hearings before the undersigned in Department 5 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, via CourtCall. This order shall be in effect from the date of issuance through and including April 7, 2020, subject to extension or modification upon further order of the court.

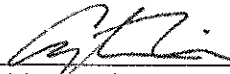
The court notes that all such hearings involve proceedings brought under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act as to persons alleged to be gravely disabled by reason of a mental health disorder. All such persons, prior to their court hearing, have been determined to be statutorily entitled to the appointment of counsel, and the basis for their temporary involuntary treatment has been subject to a preliminary finding of at least probable cause. The court further finds that the COVID-19 pandemic and associated emergency orders impair both the submission to the court of written fee waiver applications by such persons or their counsel, as well as the court's own administrative processing of such applications even if submitted. Accordingly, the court further makes a provisional finding that each patient or

1 respondent individually named in each case title is indigent and therefore entitled to a waiver
2 of fees for telephonic appearance – their own or their appointed counsel’s – at the hearing.
3 This provisional finding is subject to reconsideration or modification on motion of a party or
4 on the court’s own motion.

5 Nothing in this order is intended to limit or supersede the independent ability or
6 entitlement of any public agency to seek relief from fees for telephonic appearances.

7 It is so ordered.

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9 Dated: March 24, 2020

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14 Judge of the Superior Court
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