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COUNTY OF KERN

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
METROPOLITAN DIVISION
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**

In the Matter of
**Order Permitting Access to Records
to Facilitate the Lawful Immigration
Status of Dependent Minors and Non-
Minors**

Standing Order
No. 2021-05

Misc. No. *JM058813-00*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

The Court finds that release of records described below is necessary in order to facilitate the lawful immigration status of minors and non-minors who are dependents of the Kern County Juvenile Court. The release of the information necessary to facilitate the lawful immigration status of minors and non-minors who are dependents of the Kern County Juvenile Court is in the best interests of such youth, and it will not be detrimental to the safety protection, or physical or emotional well-being of these youth.

- I. Therefore, the Court issues this Standing Order as follows:
 - a. If a minor or non-minor dependent or ward who is 12 years of age or older authorizes such in writing, the attorney representing the minor or non-minor dependent may share information about the child's dependency case, including the petition, minute orders, formal orders,

1 and court reports with the attorney from Kids in Need of Defense
2 ("KIND") and the United Farmworkers (UFW) Foundation for the
3 purpose of facilitating lawful immigration status for the minor. Release
4 of files or information that is confidential pursuant to Welfare and
5 Institutions Code sections 5328, 827, or 10850 et seq., pursuant to this
6 Standing Order shall be considered disclosed for purposes directly
7 connected with the administration of public social services as that term
8 is used in Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850, and shall be
9 considered communications between qualified professional persons in
10 the provision of services or appropriate referrals as referenced in
11 Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328.

12 b. An court-appointed attorney who represents a dependent minor or
13 ward who is under the age of 12 years, who after sufficient
14 investigation and consideration of the minor's expressed wishes
15 believes that pursuit of lawful immigration status is in the best interests
16 of the minor, may share information about the child's dependency
17 case, including the petition, minute orders, formal orders, and court
18 reports with the attorney from KIND and the UFW Foundation for the
19 purpose of facilitating lawful immigration status for the minor. Release
20 of files or information that is confidential pursuant to Welfare and
21 Institutions Code sections 5328, 827, or 10850 et seq., pursuant to this
22 Standing Order shall be considered disclosed for purposes directly
23 connected with the administration of public social services as that term
24 is used in Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850, and shall be
25 considered communications between qualified professional persons in

1 the provision of services or appropriate referrals as referenced in
2 Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328.

- 3 c. KIND and the UFW Foundation are prohibited from disseminating the
4 information and documents released to them outside the scope of
5 proceedings to establish the lawful immigration status of the minor or
6 non-minor dependent. Any information or documents released in the
7 context of such proceedings must maintain the confidentiality of the
8 information or documents, such as filing them under seal or in
9 confidential filings.
- 10 d. Upon conclusion of proceedings to establish the lawful immigration
11 status of minors and non-minors who are dependents of the Kern
12 County Juvenile Court, all records released to KIND or the UFW
13 Foundation shall be returned to the Court for destruction.

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15 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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17 Dated: November 18, 2021



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19 Susan M. Gill
20 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court