

DECREE IN STEPPARENT ADOPTION

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Attorney for Petitioner(s)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition ) No. BT \_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
of \_\_\_\_\_ ) DECREE OF  
(insert full legal name including all ) ADOPTION  
middle names -- do not use initials) )  
 ) (Stepparent)  
Adopting Parent. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

The petition of (full name of petitioner) \_\_\_\_\_  
for the adoption of the minor child named in the petition herein, came  
on  
regularly this day for hearing, (name of attorney) \_\_\_\_\_  
appearing as attorney for the petitioner; and the petitioner,  
(his/her) \_\_\_\_\_ (wife/husband) \_\_\_\_\_, and the said minor child  
having appeared before the court, and the court having examined  
them, each separately, and the evidence both oral and documentary  
having been introduced, and the matter being submitted, the court  
finds:

1. All of the allegations contained in the petition  
are true; that petitioner and (full name of spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
and the natural (mother/father) were married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_,  
and they are now husband and wife; that petitioner is  
over the age of 21 years; that the minor child was born on  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ at (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_ and now resides  
in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, with the  
petitioner and (his/her) \_\_\_\_\_ (mother/father) \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: If consent of natural parent was not obtained, and  
minor freed pursuant to Section 8604 of the Family Code, use the  
following paragraph:

2. That custody of the minor child has, by judicial decree,  
been given to the (mother/father) \_\_\_\_\_ of the child; the  
(mother/father) \_\_\_\_\_ of the child for a period of one year has  
willfully failed to pay for the care, support and education of  
the minor child when able to do so and said (mother/father) \_\_\_\_\_

was cited into court and failed to appear this date and (his/her)\_\_\_\_\_ consent to the adoption is not now necessary.

NOTE: If consent of natural parent was not obtained, and minor child freed pursuant to Section 7820 of the Family Code, use the following paragraph:

2. The court in \_\_\_\_\_ County in Abandonment Proceeding numbered \_\_\_\_\_ found said child to be a person defined in Section 7820 of the Family Code and that said child was declared and adjudged to be free from the custody and control of (his/her)\_\_\_\_\_ parents.

NOTE: If minor freed pursuant to Section 7662 of the Family Code, do not show any finding.

(OR if requisite consents have been obtained)

3. That each parent whose consent is required by law has consented in the manner and form prescribed by law to the adoption of the minor by this petitioner, and each consent has been filed with the clerk of this court; and that the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services has filed its report setting forth the legal status of the child, and the report has been considered by the court;

4. That the petitioner has executed an agreement that the child shall be treated in all respects as the lawful child of petitioner;

5. That the child is a proper subject for adoption, and the petitioner's home is suitable for the child; and that the interests of the child will be promoted by his adoption by the petitioner; now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that said child be adopted by the petitioner and that these persons shall hereafter sustain toward each other all legal obligations of parent and child, and shall have all the rights and be under all of the duties of such relationship, including all legal rights and duties of custody, support and inheritance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the child shall hereafter bear the family name of the petitioner and shall be known as (new name of child in full)\_\_\_\_\_.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Superior Court