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JV 180 REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

****BEWARE!!! WHEN COPYING THIS FORM FOR THE COURT YOU MUST MAKE A DOUBLE SIDED COPY. THE COURT WILL NOT ACCEPT A TWO PAGE FORM. SECOND PAGE MUST BE COPIED UPSIDE DOWN ON BACK OF FIRST PAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THE COURT TO FLIP PAGE ONE OVER AND READ PAGE TWO.

- NAME OF COUNTY AND COURT ADDRESS. See box under court stamp box on right. Fill in name of county and courthouse address.
- CASE NUMBER. Look to petitions or court reports or notices of hearing for your child's case number. If more than one sibling, there may be more than one case number. Make sure to include each child's individual case number.
- PART 1
 - Check top box requesting change of order.
- PART 2
 - Your name, your relationship to child.
- PART 3
 - Child's Information
- PART 4
 - Previous order of the Judge. Summarize previous order that you seek to change.
- PART 5
 - Carefully describe and number the changes of circumstances or new information which makes it necessary for the court to change the existing order.
 - Attach supporting statements or documents. Label as "JV 180 attachment #5(a)" at the top of the page.
- PART 6
 - Carefully explain what you want the judge to do/order now.
- PART 7
 - Explain why your request for a change of order would be best for the child.
 - If there are specific medical, dental, physical, educational or emotional issues addressed in your petition, ask your child's doctors, therapists, teachers, day care providers etc. to write a letter supporting your position that the change you are seeking is in the best interests of your foster child.



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- Again attach supporting statements or documents. Label at top of the page, “JV 180, attachment #7(a), (b), etc.
- Be sure to check the box indicating that you are attaching documents.
- PART 8
 - You must give the court an indication of whether or not your request for modification will be opposed by the other parties. Telephone mother’s attorney, father’s attorney, child’s attorney, social worker, CASA, and tell them you are seeking a change of prior court order under §388 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Ask them if they agree with your request. If all are in agreement, check the appropriate boxes in part 8.
 - Try to personally send a copy of this form to all known parties. Follow up with a call asking for their position.
 - Note that Court Clerk will notice and send copies to all parties for you, if you are not represented. Again, send your own copies to parties with whom you are familiar, and solicit their positions.
- PART 9
 - If all parties agree with your request, there is no need for a hearing and you can check box to forgoe hearing.
- PART 10
 - If any party **THAT YOU KNOW OF** is opposed to your request, indicate party name and reason they are opposed.
- PART 11
 - **Date, print name & sign.**