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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY RESTORATION TO INTERVIEW, PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEOTAPE, OR VOICE RECORD INTERVIEWS WITH YOUTH IN JUVENILE FACILITIES	STANDING ORDER
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Pursuant to Senate Bill 823, the State of California established the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) within the California Health and Human Services Agency. As part of its mission, an Ombudsperson within OYCR is tasked with investigating complaints from youth, which may include issues relating to “harmful conditions or practices [in juvenile facilities], violations of laws and regulations governing facilities, and circumstances presenting an emergency situation.” (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 2200, subs. (d)(1), (d)(2).)

In conducting such an investigation, the Ombudsperson may communicate directly with the youth so long as it provides at least forty-eight hours advance notice to the agency in direct control of the facility where the youth is housed. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 2200(d)(5).) A request by the Ombudsperson to interview, photograph, videotape, or voice record a youth is governed by Los

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1 Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 7.3(c), which states that a “member of the public...must obtain a  
2 court order from the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court prior to contacting a child if (1) the person  
3 seeks to interview, photograph, videotape, or voice record a child, who that person knows, or has  
4 reason to know, is under juvenile court jurisdiction and has been removed from the physical custody  
5 of the parent or legal guardian and (2) confidential information regarding the child’s case or  
6 dependency or wardship status may or will be disclosed as a result.” The Presiding Judge of the  
7 Juvenile Court may grant the request on an *ex parte* basis upon a showing of good cause. (Super. Ct.  
8 L.A. County, Local Rules, rule 7.3(c)(4).)

9 Accordingly, upon consideration of the OYCR Ombudsperson’s Request for Interviewing,  
10 Photographing, Videotaping, or Voice Recording of Juvenile Justice Children submitted on May 30,  
11 2023, the Court finds good cause to authorize the Ombudsperson, or that person’s designee, to  
12 interview, photograph, videotape, or voice record any youth detained by the Probation Department as  
13 part of its investigation into juvenile facilities. The Ombudsperson is ordered to maintain  
14 confidentiality as required by law. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 2200.2, subs. (e)(1), (2).)

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 DATED: June 5, 2023

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22 AKEMI ARAKAKI  
23 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
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