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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

**DIVISION** *[NUMBER]*

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| In re *[CHILD’S INITIALS]*,    [A] Person[s] Coming Under  The Juvenile Court Law \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *[SPECIFIC COUNTY & AGENCY*  *TITLE]*,    Plaintiff and Respondent,  v.  *[PARENT’S INITIALS]* [Mother/Father],    Objector and Appellant | Court of Appeal  No. *[number]*  Superior Court  No. *[number]*  **APPELLANT’S MOTION**  **FOR EXPEDITED APPEAL**  **AND CALENDAR**  **PREFERENCE (RULE 8.240)** |

TO THE HONORABLE [*NAME*], PRESIDING JUSTICE, AND HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, DIVISION [*NUMBER*]:

Appellant [mother/father] [*parent’s first & last initial*] requests an order to expedite the appeal, shorten the time for briefing, and otherwise obtain calendar preference, under California Rules of Court, rules 8.240 [calendar preference], 8.50 [applications], 8.54 [motions], and 8.68 [shortening time].

Good cause for granting the motion exists. *[Specify briefly. For example: This appeal needs to be resolved before the juvenile court finalizes the adoption of the child; before the scheduled medical procedure, etc.]* Granting the motion will not significantly impair the court’s customary procedures and will not prejudice any party to this appeal. The motion is based upon this notice and the accompanying points and authorities.

Dated: *[date]* Respectfully submitted,

*[Attorney’s name]*

State Bar No. *[number]*

Attorney for Appellant *[name]*

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT**

**OF MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPEAL**

California Rules of Court, rule 8.240 allows a party to bring a motion for calendar preference, which means expediting the appeal schedule, and may include expedited briefing and preference in setting the date for oral argument.

Rule 8.68 allows the Chief Justice or presiding justice, upon a showing of good cause, to shorten the time to do an act required or permitted under the rules.

**I. Procedural Background**

*[Insert relevant information]*

**II. Argument**

In the opening brief, appellant has raised issues relating to*[describe relevant issues]*.

Good cause for an expedited appeal exists. *[Specify – what will happen in the lower court or ongoing case below. Include dates and how the appeal will be impacted by these events. Explain the results of a successful or partially successful appeal.]*

The Advisory Committee Comment to rule 8.240 states: “The rule is broad in scope: it includes motions for preference on [various] grounds, including . . . that the reviewing court should exercise its discretion to grant preference on a nonstatutory ground (e.g., economic hardship).” Here, this court should exercise its discretion and grant appellant’s request to shorten the time, because *[add if applicable or modify: Appellant’s need for an expedited process is even more compelling than the “economic hardship” specified in that comment. Appellant and/or the child will be irreparably harmed by an unduly extended appellate process in that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.]*

Expediting the appeal will not prejudice any party to this appeal, because *[explain]*.

Appellant requests the appeal be expedited by *[examples: no extensions for briefing on either side, preference for date of oral argument, etc., depending on time of motion, length of record, etc.].*

Dated: *[date]* Respectfully submitted,

*[Attorney’s name]*

State Bar No. *[number]*

Attorney for Appellant *[name]*

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