

1 Name of Adoptive Parent  
Address  
2 Phone  
3 Name of proposed Adoptee  
4 Address  
5 Phone

6 Joint Petitioners

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8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

11 In the Matter of ) Case No.  
12 )  
13 ) **PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF**  
14 [NAME OF ADOPTEE], ) **ADOPTION AGREEMENT**  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
An Adult Person.

16 Petitioners allege:

17 1. Petitioner, [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT], is an adult person, who is \_\_\_\_\_ years of  
18 age, born on [MONTH, DATE AND YEAR OF BIRTH], in [CITY AND STATE OF BIRTH]  
19 and who now resides at [STREET ADDRESS, CITY, AND STATE].

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21 2. Petitioner is married to [NAME OF SPOUSE], who is the biological parent of [NAME OF  
22 ADOPTEE] of [NAME OF ADOPTEE]. They were married and have been married since  
23 [DAY, MONTH, YEAR OF MARRIAGE], in [CITY AND STATE WHERE MARRIED]. [NAME  
24 OF SPOUSE] agrees to this adoption and has executed his/her Consent to the Adoption, which is  
25 filed at the time of filing this Petition [OR WILL BE FILED PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE].

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27 3. Petitioner, [NAME OF ADOPTEE], is an adult person, who is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, born on  
28 [MONTH, DAY, YEAR OF BIRTH], in [CITY/STATE WHERE BORN] and who is now residing at

1 [STREET ADDRESS, CITY, AND STATE].

2 **[INCLUDE IF ADOPTEE IS MARRIED]**

3 4. Petitioner, [NAME OF ADOPTEE] is married to [NAME OF SPOUSE], having been  
4 married on [DAY, MONTH, YEAR OF MARRIAGE], in [CITY, STATE WHERE MARRIED].  
5 [NAME OF SPOUSE] is in agreement with this adoption request and has executed his/her Consent to  
6 the Adoption, which is filed with this petition [or will be filed prior to the hearing date].  
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8 5. On or about [DAY, MONTH, YEAR WHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED], Petitioners entered  
9 into and executed a written adoption agreement in which petitioner [ADOPTIVE PARENT] agreed to  
10 adopt petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTEE], and Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTEE] agreed to be  
11 adopted by Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT] and both Petitioners agreed to assume  
12 towards each other the legal relation of parent and child and to have all the rights and be subject to  
13 all the duties and responsibilities of that relation. A copy of the Adoption Agreement is attached  
14 hereto as Exhibit A.  
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16 6. Petitioner, [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT] desires to adopt petitioner [NAME OF  
17 ADOPTEE] and petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTEE] agrees to be so adopted.  
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19 **PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP:**

20 **[EXAMPLES]**

- 21 ■ Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT] has known and helped raise [NAME OF  
22 ADOPTEE] for over \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 23 ■ Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT] has been in a parental role/mentor/parental  
24 figure during the past \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 25 ■ Petitioners have lived together since \_\_\_\_\_ and have held each other out as mother/father  
26 and daughter/son during this time.
- 27 ■ Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT] has also served as mentor, advocate and has  
28 jointly provided for [NAME OF ADOPTEE] care and well-being prior to and after [NAME  
OF ADOPTEE] reaching the age of majority.

- 1           ▪ Petitioners continue to have a loving, nurturing, and supportive parent-child relationship.

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3           7. There has been no other adoption completed during the time of [NAME OF ADOPTEE]  
4 minority or anytime thereafter.

5           8. The Petitioners seek this adoption to establish a legal relationship that exists in fact  
6 and because it is in their best interests that Petitioners have the legal rights and obligations  
7 of parent and child, including rights relating to inheritance and duties of support. This adoption is in  
8 the public interest for the same reasons, and particularly because it will create legal duties of support  
9 between the Petitioners and thereby reduce the likelihood of either Petitioner becoming a public  
10 charge in the future.

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12           9. Petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTEE] has the following information about her/his living parents:

13                   Father's name and address:

14                   Mother's name and address:

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16 **[INCLUDE THIS PARAGRAPH IS APPLICABLE]**

17           10. Petitioner [ADOPTIVE PARENT] and his/her husband/wife [NAME OF SPOUSE]  
18 have [NUMBER OF CHILDREN] other children.

19                   List whether biological or adoptive, age of any other child(ren) and where that child(ren)  
20 resides.

21           WHEREFORE, petitioners pray that the court permit all persons concerned in this matter to  
22 attend and be heard and that the court examine all persons appearing before it as required by law,  
23 and if satisfied that the best interests of the parties and the public interest will be promoted by the  
24 proposed adoption, grant the petition, approve the agreement of adoption, and make a decree that  
25 [NAME OF ADOPTEE] has been duly and legally adopted by petitioner [NAME OF ADOPTIVE  
26 PARENT] and That [NAME OF SPOUSE WHO IS THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND WHO IS  
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1 RETAINING ALL RIGHTS] retain all parental rights and responsibilities.

2 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

3 [SIGNATURE] \_\_\_\_\_  
4 [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT]

5 [SIGNATURE] \_\_\_\_\_  
6 [NAME OF ADOPTEE]

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10 **VERIFICATION**

11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
12 ) SS  
13 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

14 I, [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT], the undersigned, say:

15 I am a Petitioner in the above-entitled matter. I have read the foregoing PETITION FOR  
16 APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT, and know the contents thereof and that said  
17 contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated  
18 upon my information and belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

20 Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, in [NAME OF CITY], California.

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22 \_\_\_\_\_  
23 [NAME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT]

24 **VERIFICATION**

25 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
26 ) SS  
27 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

28 I, [NAME OF ADOPTEE], the undersigned, say:

1 I am a Petitioner in the above-entitled matter. I have read the foregoing PETITION FOR  
2 APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT, and know the contents thereof and that said  
3 contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated  
4 upon my information and belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

6 Executed on [DATE SIGNED], in [CITY/STATE WHERE SIGNED].

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9 [NAME OF ADOPTEE], Petitioner  
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