

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
OCTOBER 14, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. MATTHEW MCGARRY V. ALLY HOFFMAN

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This matter is before the court for review, as set by the court during the September 09, 2026, hearing which addressed competing Requests for Orders (RFO) concerning child custody and visitation, as well as child support. The court directed the parties to submit any supplemental declarations regarding Petitioner's visitation on or before October 09, 2026, for the court's consideration.

The court notes that, also on September 09, 2026, it referred the parties to a CCRC session set for November 18, 2026, with a return hearing date set for December 30, 2026. The purpose of the instant review hearing is to address interim custody and visitation orders pending the December 30, 2026, hearing.

On October 02, 2026, Petitioner filed a supplemental declaration, a copy of which was electronically served upon Respondent that same day per the proof of service, also filed October 02, 2026.

On October 05, 2026, Respondent filed a supplemental declaration, a copy of which was electronically served upon Petitioner on October 03, 2026, per the proof of service filed October 05, 2026.

On October 06, 2026, Petitioner filed a separate supplemental declaration regarding child support, as well as a current Income and Expense Declaration. Proof of service, also filed October 06, 2026, shows these filings were electronically served upon Respondent that same day. The court notes that a child support review hearing is currently set for October 19, 2026.

The court is satisfied with Petitioner's declaration that his comments which caused the court concern (particularly, Petitioner's text message to Respondent asking her for help drafting a suicide note) were essentially dark humor. (See Petitioner's Supp. Decl., filed Oct. 02, 2026, at 2:16–20.) The court also points out that Petitioner has maintained consistent contact with the parties' child since the last hearing on September 09, 2026.

Pending the December 30, 2026, hearing (or until further court order), Petitioner shall have the same visitation schedule that is currently in place with no supervision required: Petitioner shall have visitation with the parties' minor child, MH (age 1), on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All prior orders not conflicting with this tentative ruling shall remain in full force and effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: PENDING THE DECEMBER 30, 2026, HEARING (OR UNTIL FURTHER COURT ORDER), PETITIONER SHALL HAVE THE SAME VISITATION SCHEDULE THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE WITH NO SUPERVISION REQUIRED: PETITIONER SHALL HAVE VISITATION WITH THE PARTIES' MINOR CHILD, MH (AGE 1), ON SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M. ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT CONFLICTING WITH THIS TENTATIVE RULING SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. (TENTATIVE RULING CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.)

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NO HEARING ON THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD UNLESS A REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT IS TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE COURT'S WEBSITE OR BY PHONE CALL TO THE COURT AT (530) 573-3042 BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY THE TENTATIVE RULING IS ISSUED. CAL.RULE CT. 3.1308; LOCAL RULE 8.05.07; SEE ALSO LEWIS V. SUPERIOR COURT, 19 CAL.4TH 1232 (1999). NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES OF A REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH ARGUMENT IS BEING REQUESTED MUST BE MADE BY PHONE CALL OR IN PERSON BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY THE TENTATIVE RULING IS ISSUED. CAL.RULE CT. 3.1308; LOCAL RULE 8.05.07.

ALTHOUGH A REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 13, 2026, DUE TO THE JUDICIAL OFFICER'S UNAVAILABILITY ON OCTOBER 14, 2026, ANY SUCH ORAL ARGUMENT WILL BE HELD AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12.