SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA • COUNTY OF FRESNO
Family Court Services
1130 "O" Street
Fresno, California 93724
559-457-2100 – option 4

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Support Person Participation Form

Support Person Please Complete The Following	
Date:	
Case Name:	
Your Name:	
Relationship to Party:	

Mediation and Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) sessions are designed to effect a settlement of the issue of visitation rights of all parties that is in the best interest of the children. You are being admitted to this session as a support person to further facilitate this process.

Per the Family Code §6303, if a court has issued a protective order, a support person shall be permitted to accompany a party protected by the order during any mediation orientation or mediation session, including separate mediation sessions. However, Family Code §6303 also states that the mediator may exclude a support person from the session for any of the following reasons:

- If the support person participates in the mediation session
- If the support person acts as an advocate
- If the presence of a particular support person is disruptive or disrupts the process of mediation

Please note that Mediation and CCRC sessions are **confidential** and as a support person you are bound by the confidentiality of the session. The mediator will not be available to any support person for any direct contact or conversations about the family and/or the session. In addition, **you may not discuss any of the information shared during the session with anyone else outside of the session.** If you feel that it may be difficult for you to remain neutral or for you to maintain the confidentiality of the information you hear during the session, please excuse yourself from the process.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Your signature indicates an understanding of these guidelines.

Signature: **/S/** _____ **Date:** _____