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COLLATERAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of person completing the form:

Date:

Your address, email address, and telephone number:

Name of Adoptive Parent:

Names of Subject Children:

As you answer the questions below, please keep in mind that it is the responsibility of the court to safeguard the welfare and future development children adopted by this stepparent. You can help the court in meeting this responsibility by being objective and confining your statements to what you have personally seen. Answer each question as completely as possible. Your questionnaire will be shared with the court and you may be contacted personally to discuss your reference.

Because the court operates according to scheduled hearing dates, please send the questionnaire **as soon as possible** directly to Bradley Craig to the contact information located in the header on each page.

1. How are you related to the adoptive parent and/or child(ren)?

2. How long have you known the adoptive parent and/or child(ren) for whom you are completing this reference and how often do you have contact? Date of last contact?

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3. Have you seen adoptive parent and the child(ren) together? How often and what observations can you report about their relationship?

4. Describe the physical environment of the home of the adoptive parent including living conditions, housekeeping standards and surrounding neighborhood.

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5. If you have seen the adoptive parent around children, describe how he/she treated children that they have been around including attention to cleanliness, clothing, meals, discipline, supervision, school involvement and extracurricular activities.

6. Have you ever witnessed ANY physical or emotional abuse by the adoptive parent to the child(ren) or anyone else? If yes, please describe:

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7. Based on your observations, how would you describe the stability of the adoptive parent?

8. Describe the strengths of the adoptive parent as a parent.

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9. Describe the weaknesses of the adoptive parent as a parent.

10. To your knowledge, does the adoptive parent have problems in any of the following areas? Please place a check by any item that you have knowledge of and provide an explanation beside.

Abuse of Alcohol

Abuse of Drugs/Narcotics

Medical Problems

Psychological Problems

Criminal Involvement

Other

Please describe any YES answer below

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11. Based on your knowledge of the adoptive parent, what is their ability to provide a loving, caring and stable adoptive home for a child? Please elaborate

12. How do you believe the adoptive parents handle stressful situations?

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13. Do you believe the adoptive parent will love the children as if they were their own?

14. Please use this space to address any other relevant information (concerns or positive factors) that might affect the welfare or the child or children in this home.

SIGNATURE

DATE