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**United States District Court
Central District of California**

MICHELE A. DOBSON, individually;
MICHELE A. DOBSON, as Guardian Ad
Litem for D.T.W., an 11-year-old minor,
and M.D.W., a 7-year-old-minor,
individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA; COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES; LONG BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT;
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES; DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEMS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES;
SHANNON STEVENSON; KELLY
CALLAHAN; BILLY FOSTER;SARAI
GARCIA; HELENE HANDLER;

Case No. 2:15-cv-9648-ODW(JPR)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE:
GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATUS**

1 ROBERT MUNOZ; JAMIE ESTRADA;
2 DI LINDA BOSSENMEYER; BRITTANI
3 JOHNSON; KAIRON WILLIAMS;
4 SUSAN JEOUNG; LONG BEACH
5 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT; LAURA
6 WHEELS; IDA MOSCOSO; LAW
7 OFFICES OF MARLENE FURTH;
8 CHILDRENS LAW CENTER OF
9 CALIFORNIA; CAMP FIRE WRAP
10 USA; JENNIFER CANTALAN; DANIEL
11 KRAMON,

12 Defendants.

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1 Plaintiff Michele A. Dobson seeks to represent the interests of two minor
2 children, D.T.W. and M.D.W, in the action at bar. (Compl. ¶ 9, ECF No. 4.) Ms.
3 Dobson seeks to do so as the Guardian Ad Litem for the minor children, but to date
4 has yet to apply to this Court for appointment as such. Under Federal Rule of Civil
5 Procedure 17(c), a minor child without a duly appointed representative may be
6 represented by a next friend or Guardian Ad Litem. However, that Guardian Ad
7 Litem must be appointed by the Court. *Id.* The application for Guardian Ad Litem
8 status must be filed at the time of the minor's first appearance. L.R. 17-1.1.

9 With no application filed and, as such, no valid representation of the minors, the
10 Court **ORDERS** Plaintiff to **SHOW CAUSE**, by **February 19, 2016**, why her
11 representative capacities should not be stricken from the Complaint. No hearing will
12 be held. A valid filing of the Petition for Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem, or a
13 brief of no more than five (5) pages explaining the inapplicability of Federal Rule
14 17(c), will discharge this order.

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 February 5, 2016

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21 **OTIS D. WRIGHT, II**
22 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**
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