

1 In determining whether to appoint a particular guardian ad litem, the court must consider
2 whether the minor and the guardian have divergent interests. Cal. Code Civ. P. § 372(b)(1). “When
3 there is a potential conflict between a perceived parental responsibility and an obligation to assist the
4 court in achieving a just and speedy determination of the action, a court has the right to select a
5 guardian ad litem who is not a parent if that guardian would best protect the child’s interests.” *Williams*
6 *v. Super. Ct.*, 147 Cal. App. 4th 36, 38 (Cal. Ct. App. 4th 2007) (internal quotation marks and citation
7 omitted). The decision whether to appoint a guardian ad litem is “normally left to the sound discretion
8 of the trial court.” *United States v. 30.64 Acres of Land, etc.*, 795 F.2d 796, 804 (9th Cir. 1986).

9 Plaintiff is the child of Deniz Gonzalez, and was born in 2012. (Doc. 3 at 1). Because Plaintiff
10 is under the age of eighteen, he is a minor under California law. *See* Cal. Fam. Code § 6502.
11 Consequently, as a minor, his ability to bring suit is contingent upon the Court’s appointment of a
12 guardian ad litem. Upon review of the Complaint, it does not appear Ms. Gonzalez has any interests
13 that are adverse to the child’s. Accordingly, Ms. Gonzalez’s appointment as guardian ad litem for her
14 son is appropriate.

15 Based upon the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 16 1. The petition for appointment of Deniz Gonzalez as guardian ad litem for Plaintiff Keanu
17 Ethan Campos (Doc. 3) is **GRANTED**; and
- 18 2. Deniz Gonzalez is appointed to act as guardian ad litem for Keanu Ethan Campos in this
19 action and is authorized to prosecute it on his behalf.

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21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 Dated: July 18, 2014

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE