

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EL RIO
COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL.
OAH CASE NUMBER 2023080370

ORDER OF DISQUALIFICATION

JANUARY 26, 2024

On January 26, 2024, Administrative Law Judge Laurie Gorsline was assigned to the prehearing conference after the Office of Administrative Hearings granted Student's preemptory challenge of Administrative Law Judge Paul Kamoroff. The Office of Administrative Hearings is called OAH. Administrative Law Judge is called ALJ.

California Code of Civil Procedure section 170.1, subdivision (a)(6)(A) mandates that a judge shall be disqualified if for any reason:

- (i) The judge believes his or her recusal would further the interests of justice.

- (ii) The judge believes there is a substantial doubt as to his or her capacity to be impartial.
- (iii) A person aware of the facts might reasonably entertain a doubt that the judge would be able to be impartial.

California Code of Civil Procedure section 170.1, subdivision (a)(6)(B) also provides that bias or prejudice toward a lawyer in the proceeding may be grounds for disqualification.

ALJ Gorsline believes her recusal would further the interests of justice, that there is substantial doubt ALJ Gorsline can be impartial in this matter, and that a person aware of the facts might reasonably entertain a doubt that ALJ Gorsline would be able to be impartial. Accordingly, ALJ Gorsline recuses herself from hearing this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Laurie Gorsline

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings