BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT, v. COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.	OAH Case No. 2018070743 ORDER SETTING ASIDE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE LISA SHAFII

On September 13, 2018, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued an Order to Show Cause why Student's attorney, Lisa Shafii, should not pay OAH's costs related to the cancelation of the scheduled September 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m., mediation. The Order to Show Cause called for Student's attorney to submit a response to OAH by September 17, 2018. OAH received the response from Margaret J. McNair, co-counsel and managing attorney of Hope4Families: A Special Education Law Firm, on September 14, 2018.

The basis for the order to show cause was that on August 29, 2018, OAH granted the parties' joint request for continuance, setting a mediation for 9:30 a.m., on September 13, 2018. On September 13, 2018, the assigned mediator traveled to the District's office. The District's attorney and representative were present at 9:30 a.m., for the mediation. Ms. Shafii and Parent did not appear for the mediation. The mediator called Ms. Shafii twice, the first time leaving a voice mail message, and the second time tried to reach someone in her office to no avail. The mediation was subsequently cancelled.

In Ms. McNair's response, she documents medical issues that Ms. Shafii has recently had after the birth of her child. Therefore, Ms. Shafii's failure to appear was due to her medical condition and excusable. Accordingly, the order to show cause is set aside.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: September 17, 2018

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PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings