BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026050528

ORDER OF DISQUALIFICATION

JUNE 11, 2026

On May 8, 2026, Father filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, a Request for Due Process Hearing, called a complaint, naming Eastside Union High School District. OAH set the prehearing conference for June 15, 2026.

On June 10, 2026, Administrative Law Judge Laurie Gorsline was assigned to the prehearing conference. An Administrative Law Judge is called an ALJ.

California Government Code section 11512 subdivision (c) provides that an ALJ shall voluntarily disqualify herself and withdraw from any case in which there are grounds for disqualification. Grounds for disqualification under subdivision (c) include receipt of ex parte communications. (See, Govt. Code § 11430.60; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5 § 3084, subd. (f).) Code of Civil Procedure section 170.1, subdivision (a)(6)(A) mandates

that a judge shall be disqualified if for any reason her recusal would further the interests of justice. The issue of disqualification is determined by the ALJ. (Govt. Code § 11512, subd. (c).)

ALJ Gorsline has appropriately received communications about this case in the course of taking evidence in a separate matter which would be considered ex parte communications in this case, and is unable to disclose all facts relevant to disqualification because of the confidential nature of the other matter. ALJ Gorsline believes her recusal would further the interests of justice. Accordingly, ALJ Gorsline recuses herself from hearing this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Laurie Gorsline

Laurie Gorsline
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings