

STEPPARENT ADOPTIONS DOCUMENTS REQUIRED LIST

- Petition for Adoption
- Additional petitions to be filed (ex. Petition to Terminate Parental Rights)
- Child's written consent (if over 12 years of age). **(Please speak with CI Office before signing)**
- Court investigation fees of **\$500**

FOR EACH CHILD TO BE ADOPTED, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS REQUIRED:

- Consent of parent relinquishing custody (in state/out of state/military notary)
(Enclosed-signature will need to be notarized)

OR
 - Order terminating parental rights,

OR
 - Certified death certificate of parent,

OR
 - Original letter of artificial insemination by attending physician
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- Court Investigator's Information & Referral Form **(Available through CI Office)**
 - Consent of parent retaining custody **(Please speak with CI Office before signing)**
 - Certified birth certificate of petitioner
 - Certified birth certificate of parent retaining custody
 - Certified birth certificate of child or children
 - Certified copy of judgment of dissolution for all prior marriages for petitioner. If prior spouse is deceased, a certified copy of the death certificate. **(If applicable)**
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 - Three reference letters for petitioner. **(Reference Letter Forms provided by CI Office)**
 - Fingerprint processing for petitioner from the California Department of Justice. **(Livescan Application provided by CI Office.)**
 - Written verification of petitioner's employment. **(On company letterhead, with date of hire, job title, salary, original signature)**