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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

17 Conservatorship of

18 Steven Schultz,

19 Proposed Conservatee

) Case No: 26STPB00601

) CAC REPORT RE PETITION FOR  
) APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OF  
) THE PERSON AND PERSON

) DATE: April 13, 2026

) TIME: 10:30 a.m.

) DEPT: 4

) Judge Brenda Penny

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The undersigned, LESLIE BARNETT, a member of the panel of Court appointed Counsel has been appointed by the Court to represent the interests of the Proposed Conservatee, Steven Schultz (Mr. Schultz) and respectively submits her report in connection with the Petition for Appointment of Conservator of the Person and Estate filed by Los Angeles County Office of Public Guardian ("PG"). A possible Objector is Frank Robinson (Mr. Robinson) alleging to have valid Powers of Attorney both for finances and health.

**APPOINTED COUNSEL (CAC) QUALIFICATIONS**

1. CAC is an active member of the State Bar of California. Further, no disciplinary actions are pending and none were filed against her during the past twelve months. CAC has professional liability insurance coverage in effect. CAC has not represented any of the parties to the herein action.

2. CAC has attended the required CAC training.



1           5.       AS our conversation progressed, he then said, he thought he might be being scammed  
2 and conned by Robinson.

3           6.       He said things like Robinson would come to visit him and tell him how much money he  
4 had in his accounts but would never show him the actual statements. There is a man at the bank the  
5 name of whom and the name of the bank he could not remember, who handles his accounts and that  
6 Robinson had convinced this person, that he had a valid POA. The POA is in question in my opinion  
7 based on Mr. Robinson's competency to have signed it. There are some irregularities of dates between  
8 signatures and notarizations. I would very much like the Public Guardian to subpoena the notary book.

9           7.       Mr. Schultz is currently in a locked facility at the VA hospital in Westwood. He has been  
10 in the locked facility since he got there. Robinson has told him that the Public Guardian will move him  
11 from the hospital into a Shack somewhere with "black" people. He states he is Jewish and "everyone  
12 knows that Jews don't like blacks." I attempted to assure him that both parts of his statement were not  
13 true. I highly suspect that the believe he would be moved into a shack was something that Robinson  
14 may have told him.

15          8.       Mr. Schultz first met Mr. Robinson who resides in the apartment where he was living,  
16 shortly after his caregiver left and he was very dizzy and faint from doing drugs. He states he was  
17 wondering the hallways in his apartment building to find someone to help him and that Mr. Robinson's  
18 door was open. He the found his way into Robinson's apartment and that was the beginning of the  
19 "friendship."

20          9.       There has been a police report made that Mr. Schultz caregiver has stolen money from  
21 him and that money he gave her "in cash?" for his rent was never paid as well as stealing other monies  
22 from his bank accounts. However, he states that she has come to visit him at the hospital and seems to  
23 have no regrets about this. He however was evicted or was in the process of being evicted for non-  
24 payment of his rent. I find it odd that police according to the PG, have "Called this woman" but she  
25 doesn't answer their phone calls. The police, if accurate as to their involvement, would have gone to her  
26 home wherever that might be, to find and talk to her.

27          10.       I continue to receive emails from Mr. Robinson giving me instructions as to questions  
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1 that my client wants me to address and that he, that is Robinson, wants addressed. He seems to think  
2 that I was appointed to work with him. As I have been out of my office since mid-day, April 1, I have  
3 had an Out of Office automatic reply on my emails to that effect which Robinson erroneously believes  
4 to be a blocking of his emails.

5 11. The VA Social Worker, Vica Bernal, was in touch with me on April 1 reporting to be that  
6 another gentleman has reached out to her to let the VA know that Mr. Schultz is not the first person that  
7 Mr. Robinson has possibly conned. I have had limited opportunity to connect this gentleman and will  
8 attempt to speak with him before the hearing. I will request that his name be kept confidential as I do not  
9 want it a part of the public record at this time.

10 12. I have requested that County Counsel file for a Temporary Conservatorship so that is this  
11 matter is not resolved at the hearing on April 13, that there be a Temporary Petition pending from which  
12 the Court can make an order at least temporarily appointing the Public Guardian.

13 13. Because of the Passover Holiday, I have been unable to visit with my client again.

14 14. Mr. Robinson has told my client that he will bring him to the hearing. The VA has told  
15 me that Mr. Robinson while having an Advanced Health Care Directive which to some extent is being  
16 accepted by the VA, it does not allow him to remove Mr. Schultz from the premises. Mr. Schultz will be  
17 allowed with their assistance to attend the hearing via LA Court Connect.

18 15. The VA has appointed a fiduciary to hand Mr. Schultz's funds and it is not Mr. Robinson.  
19 As to how this works with or does no work with the PG, I have no idea.

20 16. It is my understanding that Mr. Robinson will be at the hearing to object to the  
21 appointment of th Public Guardian as the Conservator of the Person since he has what he believes to be a  
22 valid AHCD. I believe that is questionable. The notary needs to be located and the Notary book  
23 subpoenaed.

24 17. While an advocate for my client, it is my understanding from my conversations with him  
25 and review of the documents from Frank Robinson, it would appear that my client is susceptible to some  
26 form of emotional abuse by another party. I advocate based on the information and statements made by  
27 client when I last interviewed him which would be to protect him form someone who thinks may be  
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1 conning him. I also, believe that as soon as that person reads this report, my client will be convinced to  
2 say the opposite of what he previously communicated to me.

3 18. I note for the Court the filing by Frank Robinson are unsigned.

4 **SUMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

5 1. The Court should order the Public Guardian as Conservator at this hearing. If the Court  
6 feels unable to do that, a Temporary Conservator should be appointed along with an Order that all  
7 powers of Attorney including Advance Health Care Directives should be disallowed until further review  
8 by the Court. do not I have no recommendation at this time until I meet with my client and will give an  
9 oral report at t

10 2. The Court may wish to appoint a Guardian Ad Litem to assist in this matter.

11 3. I have apent a minimum of 10 hours on this matter and request an additional 20 hours.

12 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

13 I will serve all parties with this report via email no later than April 9, 2026.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is  
15 true and correct based on the limited information I have.

16 Respectfully Submitted by  
17 Law Office Leslie Barnett

*Leslie Barnett*

18 Dated: April 7, 2026

By Leslie Ann Barnett, Esq.,  
Attorney for Steven Schultz