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7 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**
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10 **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

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12 **PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE) Case No.: PR2100162**
13 **PERSON** **ESTATE OF:)**
14 **) INITIAL CONSERVATORSHIP**
15 **) INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT RE**
16 **BARBARA KELLER) AMENDED & COMPETING PETITIONS**
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18 **PROPOSED CONSERVATEE** **Hearing Date: 9/30/2021**
19 **Dept: 6**
20 **Time: 2:15 P.M.**
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22 **PERSONAL HISTORY**

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24 **PROPOSED COSERVATEE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

25 Barbara Keller
26 C/O Merrill Gardens at The Pines
27 500 West Ranch View Drive
28 Rocklin, CA
29 (916) 365-9267
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31 **RESIDENCE: PRIVATE**

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33 **DOB:** 12/8/1943
34 **Age:** 77
35 **Marital Status:** Married
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37 **ATTORNEY FOR PROPOSED CONSERVATEE:**

38 **Public Defender**
39 1001 4th Street
40 Eureka, CA 95501
41 (707) 445-7634
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Court investigator had recommended
appointing the Public Defender for
Barbara in the initial court report and
rightfully assumed this had been done as
it is pretty standard. No counsel has
been appointed, why?

43 **PROPOSED CONSERVATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

44 Relationship: Daughter
45 Sharon Wolff
46 3 Painter Street
47 Rio Dell, CA 95562
48 (707) 599-9961
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50 **ATTORNEY FOR PROPOSED CONSERVATOR: IN PRO PER**

1 **PROPOSED CONSERVATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

2 Relationship: Nephew
3 Royce Mendonca (previously unknown nephew of Barbara's 5th
4 8320 Tail Race Drive husband - legal name is Roland Royce Mendonca
5 Roseville, CA 95747 Jr.)
6 (916) 532-5913
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8 **ATTORNEY FOR PROPOSED CONSERVATOR:**

9 STOKES, HAMER, KIRK & EADS
10 Chris J. Hamer, Esq.
11 381 Bayside Road, Suite A
12 Arcata, CA 95521
13 (707) 822-1771
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15 **ADVISEMENT:**

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17 The conservatee was interviewed on September 20, 2021 at Merrill
18 Gardens at The Pines located at 500 West Ranch View Drive in
19 Rocklin, CA, and was advised of the following:
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- 21 1. The contents of the citation;
- 22 2. The nature, purpose, and effect of the proceedings;
- 23 3. The right to oppose the proceedings;
- 24 4. The right to attend the hearing;
- 25 5. The right to a jury trial; and
- 26 6. The right to an attorney of own choosing or Court
27 Appointed. The court has never appointed counsel for Barbara
28 despite her request and civil rights
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30 **DETERMINATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS:**

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32 During and/or after the proposed Conservatee was advised of
33 her rights, it was determined that the proposed Conservatee:

- 34 Made an intelligible response regarding the Yes No
35 proceedings.
- 36 Indicated objection to Sharon Wolff. Yes No
37 No response.
- 38 Requested a jury trial. Yes No
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- 40 Indicated objection to Royce Mendonca. Yes No
41 No response.
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43 Appeared capable with or without accommodations Yes No
44 of voicing a desire to participate in the voting
45 process.
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No counsel has ever been appointed to represent Barbara and protect her civil rights - why?

Wishes to be represented by counsel.

Yes No

No response.

Specific attorney to be retained:

Yes No

Wishes to attend the hearing.

Yes No

No response.

DEMENTIA POWERS:

Dementia Powers are not requested.

I specifically informed the conservatee that the conservator is requesting the power to place the conservatee in a secured facility for the treatment of dementia.

Yes No

The conservatee objects to this dementia power.

Yes No

The conservatee made no intelligible response.

I specifically informed the conservatee that the conservator is requesting the power to administer psychotropic medications for the treatment of dementia.

Yes No

The conservatee objects to this dementia power.

Yes No

The conservatee made no intelligible response.

OBSERVATIONS AND EVALUATION

Before the Court are competing petition's for the probate conservatorship of the person and estate of the Barbara Keller. Barbara is an 77-year-old female who resides in an assisted living facility located in Rocklin, CA. Confidential medical information is included in the attachment. The proposed conservator's in this matter are Barbara's daughter, Sharon Wolff; and Barbara's Nephew by marriage, Royce Mendonca.

It is noted that this investigation and report follows a previous investigation and report submitted to this court regarding Sharon Wolff's initial petition. It is further noted that this report builds on the first.

1 **CAPACITY DECLARATION STATEMENT**
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3 Andrew Johnston, M.D. examined Barbara and completed a Capacity
4 Declaration for this report. Dr. Johnston, found that Barbara
5 exhibits major impairment in her orientation to time and situation,
6 as well as in her short-term and long-term memory, and in her
7 immediate re-call. Major impairment was also found in Barbara's
8 ability to reason logically. Moderate impairment was found in
9 Barbara's ability to understand and communicate verbally, and in her
10 ability to plan, organize and carry out actions. Dr. Johnston stated
11 Barbara's mental function deficits are based in "probable
12 Alzheimer's dementia with behavioral changes." Dr. Johnston
13 determined that Barbara lacks the capacity to give informed consent
14 to any form of medical treatment, but is able to attend the upcoming
15 court hearing.

16 Dr. Johnston signed the GC-335 Capacity Declaration on
17 7/22/21

18 **COLLATERAL CONTACTS**

19 **Diana Mendonca, Sister-In-Law**
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21 Diana reported that she is aware of her son's competing
22 petitions and supports his appointment as Ron and Barbara's
23 conservators. Diana explained that during the last investigation
24 she was contacted by APS social worker Alma Barber and notified
25 that her brother and his wife were not doing well and were
26 repeatedly leaving their home to find a bus stop; and
27 subsequently needing to be brought home by strangers. Diana
28 stated she does not drive out of town and solicited her
29 granddaughter to go and pick the couple up and bring them to her
30 home. Ron and Barbara resided with Diana in her home for one
31 month following this move.
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33 Diana indicated that she has historically kept in contact
34 with her brother and his wife over the phone and was not fully
35 aware of the extent of their cognitive decline until they began
36 residing with her. "They definitely have Alzheimer's. You could
37 not leave either one of them alone. I never felt safe leaving
38 Barbara alone, and then it got to the point where she did not
39 want me to give her her meds anymore and I didn't want the
40 responsibility of something happening to either one of them. I
41 am not experienced in Alzheimer's and only knew that I could not
42 leave them alone." The couple was ultimately placed in their
43 current secured facility and occupy two adjoining rooms.
44 Conservatorship is further indicated for Barbara as she is
45 suffering from Alzheimer's and is no longer capable of caring
46 for herself independently.
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48 Ron and Barbara were described as settling in well to their
49 current facility, and are "Really happy there." Diana visits the
50 couple multiple times a week and stated; "Now they are safe and

1 are getting meds and food and can be together." Diana reiterated
2 her support for her son to act in the role of conservator and
3 expressed strong disagreement with Sharon acting in the role.
4 Diana was asked if Ron or Barbara have mentioned any suicidal
5 ideation since their move, and Diana responded, "I have never
6 met Sharon, and I don't wish to; and I have only ever heard from
7 her mother, [but] her mother just said 'I would rather die than
8 go living with Sharon;' but I know Ronnie is safe because he is
9 with me."

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11 Diana also reiterated her concerns from the last report
12 surroundings Sharon's refusal to take on the conservatorship of
13 Ron's person as well as the conservatorship of her mother's
14 person; as well as the fact that she is willing to separate the
15 couple after "25 years" of marriage. The incident involving Ron
16 and Barbara refusing to allow Sharon on to their Wells Fargo
17 account was discussed. Diana stated, "For her (Sharon) to
18 escalate the situation to where her mother had to call the
19 police on her, that's a problem. If you have a problem you take
20 a break. You don't force it to the point that your mother feels
21 threatened and needs to call the police." Diana concluded by
22 reading the statement made by Sharon within an e-mail and
23 attached as an exhibit within the petitions, in which she states
24 she is willing to act as a conservator of Ron's person and would
25 not care if the state were to manage his care. Diana stated "I
26 couldn't even imagine separating them. We will not separate
27 them. No one in our family would."

28 29 **Sharon Wolff, Proposed Conservator and Daughter**

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31 Sharon reported that conservatorship remains necessary for
32 her mother for all of the reason previously reported in the
33 original investigation. As explained in the original report,
34 Sharon sought out Royce and Diana Mendonca seeking assistance
35 with their uncle and brother, as Sharon had determined Ron and
36 Barbara were no longer able to care for themselves. Sharon
37 stated that after she contacting them, Diana spoke with Ron and
38 stated she appears "to believe all of the crazy things Ron has
39 said" about her, and has now asked her son Royce to become
40 involved and to file these competing petitions. Sharon noted
41 that Diana and Royce have not been involved with Barbara, Ron,
42 or Sharon's family in the 29 years that the couple has been
43 married, and stated Diana and Royce are strangers to her mother.
44 Sharon expressed frustration that Royce and Diana refused to
45 speak with her regarding her concerns for Ron, and are now
46 preventing her from having contact with her mother.

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48 Sharon was adamantly against Royce being named the
49 conservator of her mother. Sharon expressed concern over the
50 unilateral decisions Royce has made on her mother's behalf and

1 stated these decisions have placed her mother in danger. Royce
2 and his mother Diana purposely did not tell Sharon of their
3 plans to move the couple from their home in Humboldt County and
4 take them to Diana's home more than 6 hours away in Citrus
5 Heights, CA. Sharon notes this move was conducted without regard
6 to Barbara's health and upcoming medical appointments. It was
7 further reported that Barbara's current medical providers in
8 Rocklin, CA, do not have access to Barbara's medical records
9 from Humboldt County and thus have no health history with which
10 to treat Barbara. Sharon also reported that Royce has
11 fraudulently signed as the decision maker for Barbara while
12 placing her at her current facility, and has fraudulently
13 altered, or allowed his attorney to alter, Barbara's Capacity
14 Declaration. Sharon indicated she does not think Royce is a
15 trust worthy person and stated, "I am concerned about Royce
16 having anything to do with the estate because of the false
17 paperwork [within the petitions.]"
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19 Report's that Sharon is financially motivated in her
20 intentions to establish conservatorship on Barbara and Ron's
21 behalf were discussed. Sharon stated these claims are false, and
22 took offense to claims that because she and her husband had
23 struggles raising their five children, all of whom are currently
24 independent adults, that this would cause Sharon to want to
25 steal from her mother. It was reiterated that when Barbara and
26 Ron moved back to the Humboldt County area the last time, it was
27 to be closer to Sharon so she could help the couple as they
28 aged. Sharon stated that claims that Ron and Barbara are afraid
29 of her or do not like her stem from Ron's cognitive decline and
30 resulting paranoia, and are not based in fact. Further, reports
31 that she repeatedly attempted to have Ron and Barbara place her
32 on their bank accounts are true, and evidence that she has been
33 attempting to assist the couple with their finances as detailed
34 in the original petition. Reports that Ron and Barbara were
35 resistant to these attempts are also true and evidence of the
36 need for conservatorship.
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38 It remains Sharon's position that she had a close
39 relationship with her mother and Ron until recently, until Ron's
40 paranoia and "wild accusations" began to affect Sharon's
41 relationship with her mother. Sharon reports that her mother has
42 severe memory impairment and is now unduly influenced by Ron to
43 think negative and false things about her. Sharon further
44 asserts that the negative statements made by Barbara about her
45 are "fed" to her by Ron. Additionally, Sharon reiterated her
46 fears from the original investigation relating to Ron's
47 persistent suicidal ideation and his verbalized plans to "off"
48 himself and Barbara. Sharon continues to feel that her mother
49 would be safer if removed from Ron and continues to intend to
50 place her mother at Sequoia Springs Senior Living Community in

1 Fortuna, CA. Sharon concluded that Royce's lack of involvement
2 with Ron and Barbara over the last 25 plus years, mixed with his
3 refusal to speak with Sharon regarding this matter, has created
4 a situation in which Royce does not have adequate knowledge of
5 the current situation and; "has based his petition on the claims
6 of a man even he says within his petition does not have
7 capacity."

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9 **Royce Mendonca, Proposed Conservator and Nephew**

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11 Royce reported that he is seeking conservatorship of his
12 aunt as she is no longer able to care for herself or manage her
13 affairs independently, and as she requires protection from her
14 daughter Sharon. Royce confirmed his mother's account that the
15 family was urged to pick Ron and Barbara up by Adult Protective
16 Services Social Worker, Alma Barber. "I want to make it clear
17 that this (bringing the couple to the Sacramento area) was done
18 on the recommendation of Alma Barber." Royce also repeated his
19 mother's concerns surrounding Sharon's refusal to act as the
20 conservator of Ron's person and her plan to separate the couple.
21 Royce stated, "The bottom line is they do not want to be in
22 Fortuna and their wishes should be respected... If [Sharon's]
23 original plan was to keep them together we 1,000% would not be
24 having this conversation... We are not on the Will or Trust or
25 anything like that. I don't need their money. What I want is
26 them to be together and to be in a nice place because they have
27 earned that and neither should get less care because they
28 (Barbara's family) want to preserve assets." It was Royce's
29 position that Sharon's statements within her petitions, notably
30 her plans to add an addition to her home for only her mother to
31 reside in, and plans to utilize the estate for Barbara's care
32 while seeking out VA benefits on Ron's behalf, indicates that
33 she is more interested in persevering a potential inheritance
34 from the estate than adequately providing for the couple's care.
35 It was further noted that "for whatever reason" Ron and Barbara
36 are no longer comfortable having Sharon being involved in their
37 care and finances, but are willing to accept assistance from
38 Royce and Diana.

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40 Royce was also asked if he has witnessed any suicidal
41 statements or ideology from Ron or Barbara since their move; and
42 stated he has not. Royce stated, "Basically they feared for
43 their lives Samantha. They ran away from their homes, no cell
44 phone, just left their house out of fear and were unaccounted
45 for for four days; and by some miracle they made it home..." It
46 was Royce's position that Ron and Barbara were in heightened
47 states of agitation and fear due to Sharon's attempts to be
48 added to their bank accounts, and made the suicidal statements
49 as a result. Now that the couple has been settled into their
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1 current care facility, there has been no further mention of
2 suicide.

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4 Royce was also asked about the amount of familial contact
5 he and his mother have had with Ron and Barbara over the years.
6 Royce confirmed that they primarily maintained contact via
7 telephone. Allegations that Royce and his attorney may have
8 acted fraudulently were also discussed. Royce stated he signed
9 as decision maker on Ron and Barbara's behalves as they required
10 a decision maker to be placed at the facility. At the time it
11 was critical to get Ron and Barbara placed, and Royce signed on
12 the couples behalf to ensure they received prompt care.

13 Regarding the Capacity Declaration, Royce stated he and his
14 attorney were informed by Iris Medical Group that Nurse
15 Practitioner Allan has the legal authority to fill the Capacity
16 Declaration out. Royce echoed his mother's sentiments that Ron
17 and Barbara are doing well at the facility and are well cared
18 for by their care providers. Royce also confirmed that his
19 mother frequently visits the couple and stated they appear happy
20 at Merrill Gardens. Royce was asked about his level of
21 communication with Sharon, and stated that while they have had
22 contact in the past, they do not currently maintain contact with
23 each other. Royce concluded that he would be willing to
24 communicate with and work alongside Sharon moving forward.

25 26 **Alma Barber, Social Worker with Adult Protective Services**

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28 Alma was contacted for this report and provided context to
29 her recommendation to the Mendonca's. Alma described a situation
30 in which the Keller's were decompensating rapidly within their
31 home as Ron's delusions were preventing the couple from
32 receiving any care or assistance. "Ron's delusions were
33 pronounced and the couple was becoming gravely disabled before
34 my eyes. There was a lot of delusional thinking around Sharon
35 and thinking she had the ability to control everything around
36 them and the way he wanted the police to patrol the street... Both
37 of the Keller's were declining fast in their home and were
38 throwing all of their groceries out with no way to get any more
39 and stopped accepting assistance from Sharon... There was no food
40 in the home and Barbara had lost 10 lbs... It got to the point
41 where Ron looked disheveled and was crying every time I saw him
42 and they needed help immediately; and at that point I was
43 reaching out to all relatives not just Diana and Royce...
44 Unfortunately the only person Ron will accept help from is his
45 sister, and Barbara is not able to make decisions and is reliant
46 on [Ron] for decision making, so unfortunately [their picking up
47 the couple] was the only solution that actually worked." Alma
48 noted her primary concern as a social worker with Adult
49 Protective Services is the health and safety of the Keller's.

1 Alma was asked if she had any concerns with Royce acting as
2 the couple's conservator. Alma noted that a lot of Ron's beliefs
3 and behaviors are rooted in untreated mental illness and the
4 Mendonca's seem to be, "kind of nested in the belief that [Ron's
5 delusions are] really happening." Further concern was raised
6 regarding both Sharon and Royce and the two family's inability
7 to work together. Alma was supportive of the couple remaining
8 together in their current facility as long as they are both
9 receiving adequate care and supervision; noting that
10 significantly altering the living arrangements of dementia
11 patients tends to cause further decompensation.
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13 **Tim Jenkins, Son**

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15 Tim reported that he is aware of the competing petitions
16 and continues to support his sister Sharon to act in the role.
17 Tim stated that since the last report he has been making visits
18 and attempted visits to the facility and has been able to meet
19 with Barbara on several occasions. Tim reported no concerns with
20 the care the couple is receiving, but expressed frustration with
21 the facilities ability to communicate with him as Royce has
22 named himself decision maker for Ron and Barbara within in their
23 admissions paperwork; and the facility has a limited ability to
24 provide Tim information. Tim was asked if he has any
25 communication with Royce and Diana. Tim stated, "Diana had
26 called me and we have had several phone calls and texts, but she
27 is like talking to a brick wall. She was very combative and did
28 not want to give me her email." Further explaining, "I tried to
29 send her some supporting docs for our concerns [regarding Ron]
30 and she claimed not to have one (an e-mail account) but I found
31 out later she does have one she just didn't want to give it to
32 me." Further stating, "I left my card for Royce (in the couple's
33 room at the facility and with facility staff) and he has not
34 called me back."
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36 Concerns for Barbara, her wellbeing, and care needs were
37 discussed at length. It was explained that until very recently,
38 Ron was a beloved member of Tim and Sharon's family and is
39 called Grandpa by all of their children. Tim confirmed that
40 Ron's delusions and paranoid accusations came on slowly and
41 initially involved neighbors and other peripheral people, but
42 eventually expanded to include Sharon and other family members.
43 Tim further confirmed reports that Barbara is fearful and
44 suspicious of her family while Ron is around, but once separated
45 from him enjoys her family and does not have negative things to
46 say. Tim asserts that Ron had a history of alienating family
47 members that Tim and Sharon only recently recognized due to
48 these recent events. "There are many red flags with Ron that I
49 missed." Tim notes the recent discovery that Ron walked out on
50 his sons 30 years ago and disinherited them from his will, and a

1 past refusal to be driven to visit a family member who had been
2 assaulted in the course of a home invasion, as evidence of Ron's
3 lack of a sense of close familial ties. Since being placed at
4 their current facility, Tim stated Ron has prevented him from
5 seeing his mother. "I have made a lot of visits that have been
6 denied because Ron is there. The first successful visit I had
7 was while Ron was in the hospital... My daughters and
8 grandchildren have been denied and we love Ron. That's what my
9 kids can't understand. They have always called him Grandpa and
10 recently he just turned on us and it's not that we don't like
11 Ron, it's that we don't like what he is doing to mom and the
12 family."

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14 Tim was asked his opinion of Sharon's plan to potentially
15 separate the pair. Tim stated, "I know it sounds terrible but I
16 think it is the only way to get them the help they need... They
17 need different kinds of care. Ron obviously has a good memory
18 but he has mental health needs and clearly needs mental health
19 care. His perception of reality is skewed to where he trusts
20 strangers but not his grandkids. It is very odd." Tim reiterated
21 his support for Sharon to act in the role of conservator and
22 stated, "We were elected by mom and Ron a number of years ago
23 and that can be proven in their will where they named us. There
24 estate is very small and they do not have the funds [necessary]
25 for their long term care needs. They will need [government]
26 assistance at some point and with Sharon's [career] experience
27 she will be able [to navigate that aspect of their care.]"
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29 Tim also addressed the accusations within the competing
30 petition regarding Sharon's income while raising five children
31 and noted, "All of that has made Sharon very frugal actually,
32 and she is good at preserving money where she can. In fact when
33 Diana and Royce hired this attorney we thought well we have to
34 hire one too now, but then we thought about it and they don't
35 have much money in the estate and we don't want to burn the
36 money down, so it has been an immense amount of work done on
37 Sharon's behalf [to be frugal.]" Tim concluded by reiterating
38 the fact that while the couple had capacity they nominated Tim
39 and Sharon to manage their financial affairs on their behalf, and
40 stated Barbara's entire family supports Sharon being named as
41 conservator of Ron and Barbara's estate.
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43 **John Robertson, Manager at Merrill Gardens at the Pines**

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45 John reported that Ron and Barbara have settled in "great"
46 to the facility and are doing well. "They are eating three meals
47 a day and getting the care they need." John was initially
48 confident that the facility would be able to manage the couples
49 differing care needs and to keep the couple together, but did
50 not seem aware of Ron's reported mental health needs. John

1 stated he has experienced no issues with Ron related to
2 paranoia, delusions, or suicidal ideation since the couple's
3 admission.
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5 Conservatorship is appropriate for Barbara as she is unable
6 to live independently and would "absolutely" benefit from having
7 an advocate. Barbara was described as having similar care needs
8 to her husband, as she is ambulatory and requires verbal cuing
9 and reminders to complete activities of daily living and hygiene
10 tasks; but John stated "Barbara's dementia is more pronounced
11 than Ron's." Additionally, Barbara receives stand by assistance
12 while showering. John described conservatorship as a "good idea"
13 for the couple and expressed no concern with Barbara being
14 conserved. John stated he has contact with both Sharon Wolff
15 and Royce Mendonca, and reported no concerns with either party
16 being named their conservator.
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18 **INTERVIEW WITH PROPOSED CONSERVATEE:**
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20 Barbara was interviewed from her room at Merrill Gardens.
21 During the interview Barbara appeared clean, well-groomed, and
22 appropriately dressed. Barbara presented with noticeable memory
23 impairment and frequently looked to her husband for responses to
24 questions asked. Barbara was alert and engaged in our
25 interaction and appeared to understand the nature and effect of
26 the current proceedings. When asked to define conservatorship
27 Barbara stated, "It's someone who takes care of you." Barbara
28 consented to the establishment of conservatorship with Royce as
29 her conservator after being provided with advisement by stating
30 "I agree, I depend on Ron's knowledge of him." Barbara opposed
31 the establishment of conservatorship with her daughter Sharon
32 Wolff as her conservator.
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34 When given a brief mental status exam, Barbara correctly
35 stated her name, date of birth, and was oriented to time of day.
36 Barbara was unable to state the current month and year, her
37 medical diagnoses, the current president, or the names of her
38 proposed conservators. When asked her address and city of
39 residence Barbara stated, "I can't even think." When asked if
40 she takes any medications Barbara stated, "I don't remember
41 pills." When asked her current age Barbara stated, "You do the
42 math." Barbara identified the purpose of our interview as, "To
43 see if we are sane." Barbara appears capable of participating in
44 the voting process.
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1 **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

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3 Through investigation, it appears that Barbara Keller
4 remains unable to provide for her own personal needs for
5 physical health, food, clothing, and shelter, and is
6 substantially unable to manage her own financial resources or
7 resist fraud or undue influence.

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9 After a careful consideration of the preceding interviews
10 and review of the documents submitted in this case, the
11 undersigned finds that Sharon Wolff is acting in Barbara's best
12 interests, and was in fact nominated by Barbara and Ron to
13 manage their estate while each had capacity. Therefore,
14 establishment of the probate conservatorship of the person and
15 estate of Barbara Keller with her daughter Sharon Wolff acting
16 as her conservator is respectfully recommended.

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18 Additionally, the undersigned recommends that every effort
19 be made to keep Ron and Barbara together as long as safely and
20 medically possible. The undersigned concludes that many of the
21 issues presented in this case would be solved with proper
22 communication between the Wolff / Jenkin's family and the
23 Mendonca family. If productive communication in the couple's
24 best interest is not established between the two parties
25 promptly, the undersigned recommends a professional private
26 fiduciary manage the couple's estate.

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28 **ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

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30 It is unknown if the conservatee's estate is sufficient to warrant
31 assessment for this investigation and report.

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33 Pursuant to Probate Code 1851.5, the assessment fee for this
34 investigation is \$341.00. If the Court approves the assessment, the
35 fee should be paid to: Court Operations, 421 I Street, Eureka, CA
36 95501.

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38 Counsel has been appointed for the proposed Yes No
39 Conservatee.

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41 The proposed Conservatee is able to attend the Yes No
42 hearing.

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44 The proposed Conservatee should be disqualified Yes No
45 from voting.

46 The judge ignored the earlier
47 recommendation from this court
48 investigator and never appointed counsel
49 for the proposed conservatee
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1 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State
2 of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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4 Date: September 24, 2021

5 Respectfully submitted,

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Samantha Wahl
Court Appointed Investigator
Quest Court Investigations

Respectfully submitted,



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