#### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FAMILY COURT Domestic Relations Branch

PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME

PLAINTIFF,

\_\_\_\_\_DRB \_\_\_\_\_

v.

JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT DEFENDANT'S NAME

DEFENDANT.

## **MOTION TO INTERVENE Does the Plaintiff Consent to this Motion?** $\Box$ yes $\Box$ no **Does the Defendant Consent to this Motion?** $\Box$ yes $\Box$ no

I, \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully request the Court to

grant me permission to intervene as a party in this case.

## 1. I have standing to intervene in this case because: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

The parent who is or has been the primary caretaker of the child[ren] within the past 3 years consents to my request for custody.

(a) I have lived in the same household as the child for at least 4 of the last 6 months, if the child[ren] is/are under the age of 6 months, for at least half of the child[ren]'s life; and (b) I have primarily assumed the duties and obligations for which a parent is legally responsible, including providing the child[ren] with food, clothing, shelter, education, financial support, and other care to meet the child[ren]'s needs.

I am living with the child[ren] and I need custody to prevent harm to the child, because [PROVIDE SPECIFIC REASONS]:

I am a *de facto* parent because:

(a) I have lived with the child[ren] in the same household for at least 10 of the last 12 months;

(b) I have formed a strong emotional bond with the child[ren] with the

encouragement and intent of the child[ren]'s parent that the child[ren] and I have a parent-child relationship;

(c) I have taken on full and permanent responsibilities as the child[ren]'s parent; and(d) I have held myself out as the child[ren]'s parent with the agreement of the child[ren]'s parent, or if there are two parents, both parents.

I am a *de facto* parent because:

(a) I lived with the child[ren] in the same household when the child[ren] was/were born or adopted;

(b) I have taken on full and permanent responsibilities as the child[ren]'s parent; and(c) have held myself out as the child[ren]'s parent with the agreement of the child[ren]'s parent or, if there are two parents, both parents.

Other:

# **2.** I wish to intervene in order to file the following pleading, a copy of which is attached:

- □ Complaint for Custody/Visitation
- $\Box$  Motion for Custody/Visitation
- $\Box$  Other:

**3.** I do  $\square$  / do *not*  $\square$  know of any proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case. Please list s docket number for cases involving the same claim or subject matter.

Court	Case Number	Саѕе Туре

## **Request for Relief**

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Court grant me permission to intervene as a party in this matter.

I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.

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Do

request an oral hearing in front of the judge on this motion. DO NOT

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

In support of this Motion, I respectfully refer the Court to:

- 1. D.C. Code §§ 16-831.01(1), 16-831.02(a)(1), and 16-831.03.
- 2. Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 7(b) and 24.
- 3. The record in this case.
- 4. The attached supporting documents, if any. [LIST ANY DOCUMENTS THAT YOU ARE ATTACHING]

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