

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Probate Division

Governor George Deukmejian Dept. - S09

17STPB10142

In re: Argila, Cavan -Conservatorship

April 18, 2025

9:30 AM

Honorable Ana Maria Luna, Judge

A. Murdock, Judicial Assistant

Maria Clark (#7632), Court Reporter

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Order to Show Cause Hearing

The following parties are present for the aforementioned proceeding:

Carl Argila, Petitioner
Cavan Argila, Subject
Mary Louise O'Neill, Appointed Counsel
Meredith Lee Nixon, Attorney
Aaron Abramowitz, Attorney

The matter is called for hearing.

All parties appeared via LACourtConnect, except Cavan Argila and Carl Argila.

John Arce, American Sign Language Certified Court Interpreter, Certification number 400020, is deemed sworn and interprets for Cavan Argila. Interpreter's badge has been verified by the Court and the oath is on file.

James Foster, American Sign Language Certified Court Interpreter, Certification number 400025, is deemed sworn and interprets for Cavan Argila. Interpreter's badge has been verified by the Court and the oath is on file.

John Maucere, Certified Deaf Interpreter Certified Court Interpreter, Certification number 25524, is deemed sworn and interprets for Cavan Argila. Interpreter's badge has been verified by the Court and the oath is on file.

Justin Jackerson, Certified Deaf Interpreter Certified Court Interpreter, Certification number 67682, is deemed sworn and interprets for Cavan Argila. Interpreter's badge has been verified by the Court and the oath is on file.

Cavan Argila, Carl Argila, and counsel are heard.

The Court is advised that the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)/Limited Conservator filed a written report which has not yet been uploaded to the court file. Counsel for DDS provides the court with an oral summary of the report. Court is advised that Cavan (i) continues to work for Amazon and has received a promotion; (ii) hopes to be transferred to a work location closer to his residence to reduce the one hour (each way) commute he presently makes with subsidized transportation; and (iii) is best served by remaining in his current housing until he is able to self-regulate his eating habits more consistently. Court hears from Conservatee's father, Carl Argila, and Conservatee, Cavan Argila, re change of housing for Cavan. Cavan does not express a desire to be placed in independent living at the current time. Court Appointed Counsel

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(CAC) O'Neill verifies Cavan's current position that he wishes to remain living in his current residence but be placed in independent living eventually and at a time when he feels more capable of doing so.

Court addresses an issue set forth in the CAC report filed on April 7, 2025 concerning recording of the IPP meetings concerning Cavan and the publication/posting of any such recording on a website/blog maintained by Cavan's father. Court is referred to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4646.6 which gives the consumer and other specified individuals the right to electronically record an individual program plan meeting. The Court is also referred to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4514 concerning the confidentiality of information and records obtained in the course of providing services to a person with developmental disabilities. The Court hears from CAC O'Neill, Carl Argila, counsel for DDS and Cavan as to the issue of recordings and publication/posting of the same by Carl Argila.

Based on the information presented this date, the Court makes the following findings:

- 1) Conservatee desires to remain in his current living arrangement with the eventual goal of moving into independent living
- 2) There is no fixed time period for any transition by the Conservatee from living in his current group setting to living alone and independently (with or without services).
- 3) Based on the appointment order issued on June 21, 2021 giving the powers to (i) access the Conservatee's (Cavan Argila) confidential records; and (ii) make educational decisions to the Conservator (DDS), the Conservator only has the right to record electronically the individual program plan meetings conducted as to the Conservatee pursuant to the notice requirements contained in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4646.6.
- 4) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4514 prohibits any dissemination of any electronic recordings, or any information, obtained from an individual program plan meeting concerning the Conservatee.

Based on the information presented this date, the Court makes the following orders:

- 1) Conservatee shall continue residing in his current placement.
- 2) Electronic recordings of any individual program plan meeting concerning Conservatee, Cavan Argila, which have been published and/or posted, including any re-publication or re-posting, on any internet site, including social media platforms, and in blogs/podcasts by Carl Argila (or others) are ordered to be taken down from the site/removed from the internet forthwith.
- 3) File is returned to Dept. 5 for all further proceedings.

The Court's minute order shall serve as the Order After Hearing. No formal order is necessary.

It is so ordered.

Dated: 4/18/2025

Judge of the Superior Court