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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE CALIFORNIA**  
11 **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

12 In Re:

) Case No. PRIN2100368

13 THE DIA KENSHALO ABRAMS  
14 TRUST, DATED DEC. 16, 2016,  
15 AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 2020

) DECLARATION OF KEITH HARPER IN  
) SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF  
) SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

) Date: July 21, 2021  
) Time: 8:45 a.m.  
) Dept: PS3

16 I, KEITH HARPER, Successor Trustee of the Dia Kenshalo Abrams Trust, hereby  
17 submits the following Declaration in support of the petition to confirm my nomination as  
18 successor trustee of the Dia Kenshalo Abrams Trust.

19 1. The statements made herein are made of my own personal knowledge and  
20 if called upon to testify I could competently testify to the matters stated herein.

21 2. I first met Dia Abrams five years ago when I came to assist her in the  
22 management of her ranch. I have never asked for any compensation then or now for my  
23 efforts to revive and beautify the ranch that she loved and cared for. From the moment I met  
24 her, I adored her and admired her for the strong woman she was and for her love of the  
25 land. I have seen the struggles she encountered over the years and witnessed the conflicts  
26 she bore from those she called "family".

27 3. Her marriage to Clem Abrams lasted 32 years until he died on December 12,  
28 2018. She had left the marriage 16 years earlier to build the ranch that became her home

1 in Mountain Center, California.

2 4. Six years ago she underwent extensive lower back surgery in San Diego,  
3 California. When she woke up in the recovery room, she was surprised to see her son  
4 Clinton, since no one in the family had volunteered to assist her. Dia claimed the meeting  
5 was short and her son gave her something to drink and then left. Dia claimed what  
6 happened next was she slipped into an unexplained coma for the next four days and nearly  
7 died. When she recovered, she believed the Clinton had administered her a dose of  
8 something intending to kill her, since the medical team had no explanation of her near death  
9 experience.

10 5. As stated previously her husband, Clem, passed away on December 12, 2018  
11 and she called that day "Independence Day", for it was the first day she honestly believed  
12 she was free. She invited me and another close friend of hers, Chuck McNeiley to witness  
13 the changing of her trust. On that occasion she crossed off her daughter Crisara's name  
14 from her trust, initialed and dated the change as shown on Dia's original trust dated  
15 December 16, 2016.

16 6. In the five years I spent with Dia, I only remember her son, Clinton, coming  
17 to the ranch on two occasions. I never saw her daughter, Crisara, come to the ranch.

18 7. Since the passing of Clem, Dia filed a challenge to her late husband's trust,  
19 which ignited criticism from her children towards her. From that day forward they would pick  
20 and choose what bills they would pay on her behalf. The crisis escalated in February, 2020  
21 when her children removed all financial support from their mother and threatened to take  
22 her only transportation, (a 2006 Ford F-350 Truck) which they removed shortly after her  
23 disappearance on June 6, 2020.

24 8. What follows is even more evidence of their efforts of a hostile takeover of  
25 Dia's properties, by raising her mortgage, destroying the 'Airbnb' business that she had at  
26 the 'ranch', which had previously received 29 'five-star' ratings. Her children contacted  
27 'Airbnb' and told them that the ranch was being run by a murderer and that I had been  
28 accused of murdering their mother. 'Airbnb' removed the 'ranch' from its rental lists even

1 though the ranch had received 29 five-star ratings. In addition they thwarted the sale of the  
2 'tool box' property on two occasions when full cash offers had been received. They sent  
3 their investigator to harass the purchasers and they both backed out of the purchase of the  
4 property.

5 9. Since July, 2020, I have taken over managing Dia's properties in her absence.  
6 I have learned that her properties were \$62,000 in arrears as far as taxes and mortgages  
7 are concerned. With respect to the 'ranch' and 'sky high' properties, I have brought all the  
8 payments current. Had I been able to sell the 'tool box' property, on the two accepted offers,  
9 all of her properties and finances would be current or paid in full.


10 10. I have personally paid more than \$30,000 to clear the encumbrances on the  
11 'sky high' property and \$25,000 on "Bonita Vista" ranch property to remove the  
12 indebtedness. I have worked on the property without pay using my own funds to keep it  
13 viable and generally debt free, working between 10 to 12 hours a day to keep the property  
14 running efficiently and efficiently.

15 11. Dia's children have done nothing to help facilitate the expenses and managing  
16 this property.

17 12. They have attempted a hostile takeover of their mother's properties by  
18 financial strangulation and harassment.

19 13. Since I am the only person that is managing the property, I would request that  
20 the Court confirm my trusteeship and if need be make it a temporary trusteeship so that I  
21 can keep managing the property. The trust does not have the financial resources to pay a  
22 private fiduciary or a ranch manager. I have been doing that without compensation and will  
23 continue to do so.

24 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the  
25 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at Palm Desert,  
26 California.

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28 KEITH HARPER

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**VERIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing DECLARATION OF KEITH HARPER IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE. It is true of my own knowledge except for matters stated to be on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

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

Dated: July 19, 2021

  
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KEITH HARPER