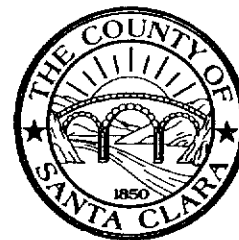


County of Santa Clara

Social Services Agency



333 W. Julian Street
San Jose, California 95110-2335

Dear Visitor:

Regarding your request for a reunion, California adoption laws allow adoption agencies to participate in a "reunion" if both interested parties have signed a Consent for Contact (for adoptee and birth parent), or a Waiver of Rights to Confidentiality form (for adoptee and siblings). However, the law also stipulates that agency personnel cannot "solicit" these signatures - the parties must spontaneously approach the agency just as you have done. When consents/waivers have been received from at least one birth parent and the adult adoptee (over the age of 18) or the adoptee and a sibling (both over the age of 21), contact may be arranged.

The appropriate form has been enclosed should you wish to sign it. To be valid, the form must be signed in the appropriate areas. If you live in California, you may have it witnessed by an adoption social worker or notarized. If you live outside of California you **must** have the form **notarized** and returned to us as soon as possible. This form will then be placed in your adoption file. Also, after having this form notarized, you may wish to make a copy for your own records.

Should any other form be received by us, arrangements will be made for contact. It is also extremely important that you keep this agency informed as to any changes in your address or telephone number in order for us to reach you in the future.

For your information, there are also a number of excellent search groups, which might be able to assist you if you wish to pursue that route. Please let us know, and we will provide you with a search group list. If you have any questions, please call (408) 975-5119.

Sincerely,

Post Adoptive Services Staff