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# PROCEDURES FOR APPEARING FOR, OR ACCESSING, COURT HEARINGS IN JUDGE KWAN'S CASES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA: See Special Instructions Below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTIES OFFICIALLY APPEARING ON THEIR MATTERS AT HEARINGS BEFORE JUDGE KWAN AND THEIR COUNSEL: Judge Kwan conducts non-evidentiary hearings in hybrid format, that is, in person in the courtroom and remotely by video using Zoom for Government (ZoomGov) videoconferencing technology, but only in person in the courtroom for evidentiary hearings, trials and other matters specially set by Judge Kwan. Parties officially appearing on their matters at hearings before Judge Kwan and their counsel may choose to appear in person in the courtroom or remotely on ZoomGov at a hearing on their matters unless otherwise ordered by the court. Judge Kwan's courtroom is located in Courtroom 1675, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Parties are directed to review Judge Kwan's self-calendaring instructions for calendaring hearings, whether by in-person and/or ZoomGov.

For parties and their counsel officially appearing on their matters using ZoomGov to appear remotely at hearings, video and audio connection information for each hearing will be provided on Judge Kwan's publicly posted hearing calendar on the court's website, which may be viewed online at: http://ecf-ciao.cacb.uscourts.gov/CiaoPosted/default.aspx, and then selecting "Judge Kwan" from the tab on the left-hand side of the page.

Parties and their counsel officially appearing on their matters may view and/or listen to hearings before Judge Kwan using ZoomGov free of charge. Individual participants may appear at a hearing by ZoomGov video and audio using a personal computer (equipped with camera, microphone and speaker), or a handheld mobile device (such as an iPhone or Android phone). Individual participants may also participate in a hearing by ZoomGov audio only using a telephone (standard telephone charges may apply). Neither a Zoom nor a ZoomGov account are necessary to

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participate in a hearing, and no pre-registration is required. The audio portion of each hearing will be recorded electronically by the court and constitute its official record.

To implement the mandate of the Judicial Conference of the United States that the general public and the media may not access the video feed of a court hearing, only the audio feed (see Special Instructions to the General Public and the Media below), Judge Kwan or court personnel may inquire as to the status of a person accessing ZoomGov as either an official hearing participant or a member of the general public or the media, and the court may place persons attempting access to video feed of a court hearing in a Zoom waiting room for a status inquiry and otherwise restrict a member of the general public or the media to audio access only if accessing the hearing remotely.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA: The Judicial Conference of the United States has now clarified its policy on Cameras in the Courtroom and mandated that the members of the general public (or the Public) and the Media may not observe by video any court hearing proceedings unless they are actual parties or counsel with matters before the court in which they have an official interest. However, as an accommodation to the Public and the Media, the Judicial Conference of the United States has also clarified that many court hearing proceedings will still be accessible by audio, but that this audio accommodation for the Public and the Media is limited to (1) non-trial hearings; and (2) non-live witness evidentiary hearings.

To be clear, during hearings where no live testimony is being received by the court, the court may permit hearing accessibility remotely by audio, but not video, to the Public and the Media. No trials may ever be accessible remotely by audio to the Public and the Media. The court has the final control regarding remote audio accessibility and may choose to terminate remote audio accessibility at any time, regardless of the type of hearing. These remote audio services are accessible through ZoomGov, and the Public and the Media may utilize the telephone number login, but not the video login, presented by the court on its publicly posted hearing calendar, which may be viewed online at: http://ecf-ciao.cacb.uscourts.gov/CiaoPosted/default.aspx, and then selecting "Judge Kwan" from the tab on the left-hand side of the page.

Members of the Public and the Media may always personally attend hearings

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before the court in open court in-person in the courtroom. Judge Kwan's courtroom is located in Courtroom 1675, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

On hearing days, Judge Kwan's courtroom will remain open during hearings for inperson public and media attendance, so that the courtroom observers will have video and audio access to ZoomGov participants. The court will have video monitors on and viewable within the courtroom for viewing. The parties, including counsel, their clients, and self-represented individual parties, may virtually join the hearing and appear remotely or virtually on ZoomGov.

Members of the general public and the media, however, may only view the hearings in person from the courtroom, which will remain open, or by audio access, as noted above. To implement the mandate of the Judicial Conference of the United States that the general public and the media may not access the video feed of a court hearing, only the audio feed, Judge Kwan or court personnel may inquire as to the status of a person accessing ZoomGov as either an official hearing participant or a member of the general public or the media, and the court may place persons attempting access to video feed of a court hearing in a Zoom waiting room for a status inquiry and otherwise restrict a member of the general public or the media to audio access only if accessing the hearing remotely. Individual members of the public and the media may access a hearing by ZoomGov audio only using a telephone (standard telephone charges may apply). Neither a Zoom nor a ZoomGov account are necessary to access the live audio feed of a hearing, and no pre-registration is required.

**RESTRICTIONS ON LIVE TESTIMONY AT HEARINGS:** No live testimony, however, will be permitted at a hearing by ZoomGov unless specifically authorized by the court either prior to, or during, a hearing. If a party intends to call a witness to testify by remote transmission, the party calling the witness should state such intention in the joint pretrial stipulation filed before the final pretrial conference or file a written application for permission to call a witness by remote means at least 21 days before the evidentiary hearing or as soon as practicable if the evidentiary hearing is set on less than 21 days notice.

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Zoomgov hearing etiquette: (a) wait until the judge calls on you, so everyone is not talking at once; (b) when you first speak, state your name and, if you are an attorney, whom you represent (do not make your argument until asked to do so); (c) when you make your argument, please pause from time to time so that, for example, the judge can ask a question or anyone else can make an objection; (d) if the judge does not see that you want to speak, or forgets to call on you, please say so when other parties have finished speaking (do not send a "chat" message, which the judge might not see); and (e) please let the judge know if he mispronounces your name or uses the wrong pronoun.

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**Tentative Ruling:** 

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#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Updated tentative ruling as of 8/28/25. Off calendar. Continued on the court's own motion by prior order to 10/15/25 at 9:00 a.m. No appearances are required on 9/4/25.

## **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

People Who Care Youth Center, Inc.

Represented By Giovanni Orantes

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#2.00 Evidentiary hearing re: Motion of UST for the appointment of a Chapter 11trustee or in the alternative to dismiss the case

fr. 7/29/25

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Cont'd to 10/15/2025 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Updated tentative ruling as of 8/28/25. Off calendar. Continued on the court's own motion by prior order to 10/15/25 at 9:00 a.m. No appearances are required on 9/4/25.

Prior tentative ruling. Having reviewed the moving, opposing and reply papers as well as Danco's joinder, the court is inclined to treat the motion to appoint a Chapter 11 trustee or to dismiss as a contested matter presenting contested issues of material fact and set it for an evidentiary hearing along with Danco's motion to dismiss and debtor's plan confirmation on 9/3/25 and 9/4/25 at 9:00 a.m. The court believes that given the current state of the case with the pendency of plan confirmation proceedings and Danco's motion to dismiss, relief under either 11 U.S.C. 1104 and/or 1112(b) should be based on the totality of the circumstances of the case upon a fully developed evidentiary record relating to substantive issues which include the feasibility of debtor's reorganization plan, debtor's reasons for its further \$425,000 loan indebtedness to Danco which apparently benefited its insiders to help them purchase property held by nondebtor parties (\$275,000 for the Silverlakes note and \$150,000 for the purchase of 2916 W. Manchester) as indicated in Danco's opposition to debtor's objection to its claim, and debtor's reasons for its failure to comply with the requirements of federal law in hiring and paying a security guard who had no legal immigration status. The court will hear argument of the parties regarding whether a ruling should be made immediately, and if the court sticks to its tentative ruling to set the matter for an evidentiary hearing, the court will hear from the parties as to their discovery needs. The court intends to set a deadline of 8/20/25 for debtor to file and serve trial declarations with all the supporting documentation that it

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says it will submit in support of its opposition to the motion. The other parties to the motion can file and serve responsive declarations by 8/27/25. Appearances are required on 7/29/25, but counsel and self-represented parties may appear remotely in accordance with the court's remote appearance procedures posted online on the court's website.

## **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

People Who Care Youth Center, Inc. Represented By

Giovanni Orantes

Movant(s):

United States Trustee (LA) Represented By

Hatty K Yip

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#3.00 Evidentiary Hearing re: Plan confirmation

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## **Tentative Ruling:**

Updated tentative ruling as of 8/28/25. Off calendar. Continued on the court's own motion by prior order to 10/15/25 at 9:00 a.m. No appearances are required on 9/4/25.

# **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

People Who Care Youth Center, Inc.

Represented By

Giovanni Orantes

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#4.00 Trial re: Motion to Disallow Claims of Danco, Inc. [Proof of Claim No. 3]

fr. 6/10/25, 6/24/25

Docket 119

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Updated tentative ruling as of 8/28/25. Off calendar. Continued on the court's own motion by prior order to 10/15/25 at 9:00 a.m. No appearances are required on 9/4/25.

Prior tentative ruling as of 6/17/25. The court has reviewed the joint status report. Otherwise, no tentative ruling on the merits. Appearances are required on 6/24/25, but counsel and self-represented parties must appear either in person in the courtroom or remotely through Zoom for Government in accordance with the court's remote appearance instructions.

Prior tentative ruling. The court on its own motion continues the hearing on the motion to disallow the claim of Danco, Inc., to 6/24/25 at 10:30 a.m. because the consequences from the civil unrest from the currently ongoing immigration protests may make it difficult or unsafe for staff and the public to access the Roybal Federal Building where the courtroom is located. The court has been advised to limit the number of personnel present at the Roybal Federal Building during the week of June 9, 2025 in light of these conditions, which may make hearing coverage difficult. In an abundance of caution, for the safety of court staff and attendees from the public, including counsel and self-represented parties, the court believes that it would be prudent not to go forward with the hearing on 6/10/25.

In addition, substantively, having reviewed the moving and opposing papers, the court agrees with the debtor that the motion should be treated as a contested matter within the meaning of Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014, and the court should set a schedule of pretrial and trial proceedings. Danco in its opposition contends that the higher claim amount and loan

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payments are based on a further loan advance to debtor after confirmation of its prior reorganization plan and its claim accurately reflects that postconfirmation loan advance as well as the original loan made to debtor pursuant to the prior plan. However, the documentation attached to Danco's opposition is inadequate to support such contention as there are no formal loan documentation for the further loan advance and the October 14, 2021 letter attached to the proof of claim is unauthenticated. The testimony from both sides in the Perlstein and McArn declarations do not adequately address the further loan advance. The documentation attached to the opposition suggests that the further loan advance was made to Michelle McArn and Eric Radley personally to buy property in their names as opposed to the debtor's name as indicated in the copy of their state court complaint. However, the court notes in that complaint, McArn and Radley allege that the original loan was made to them as opposed to the debtor. There are no formal loan documents, such as amended or supplemental note and deed of trust showing the additional loan amounts to the debtor. In fairness to both sides, the court affords the opportunity to them to explain the additional loan by Danco whether it was to debtor or to McArn and Radley personally. The state court complaint alleges that the further loan was made to McArn and Radley personally, which may presents its own issues with respect to the good faith of this bankruptcy case if the October 14, 2021 letter is authentic that McArn on behalf of debtor consented to amend the debtor's note and trust deed in favor of Danco to incur additional debt to make her own real property purchase and further encumber the debtor's real property. The court also believes that Danco needs to provide in admissible testimony or declarations computations of how it arrived at its claim amount, reflecting all amounts lent, all payments and interest accruals.

The court orders that the parties to this contested matter meet and confer and file a joint status report pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1 in advance of the continued hearing on 6/24/25 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 1675, Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. No appearances are required on 6/10/25.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

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