

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL
RIGHTS AS TO J. L. W.

No. 38738

CHRISTINA Y.,

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
RESOURCES, DIVISION OF CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES,

Respondent.

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *J. Richards*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order terminating appellant's parental rights.

In order to terminate parental rights, a petitioner must prove by clear and convincing evidence that termination is in the best interests of the child and must establish parental fault.¹ "This court will uphold termination orders if they are based on substantial evidence, and will not substitute its own judgment for that of the trial court."² In the present case, the district court determined that it was in the child's best interest that appellant's parental rights be terminated.³ The district court further found by clear and convincing evidence that appellant is an unfit parent, has failed to adjust to parenthood, and that she posed an unreasonable risk of serious harm to the child.⁴

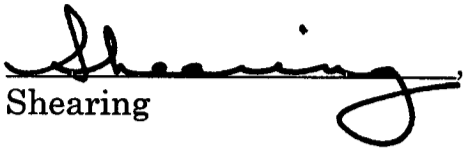
¹See Matter of Parental Rights as to N.J., 116 Nev. 790, 8 P.3d 126 (2000); NRS 128.105.

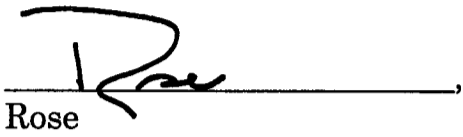
²Matter of Parental Rights as to Carron, 114 Nev. 370, 374, 956 P.2d 785, 787 (1998), overruled on other grounds by N.J., 116 Nev. 790, 8 P.3d 126.

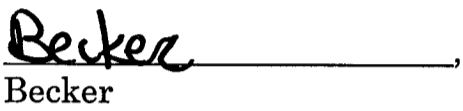
³NRS 128.105(1).

⁴NRS 128.105(2)(c), (d) and (e).

Having reviewed the record, we conclude that the district court's decision is supported by substantial evidence. Accordingly, we ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

 J.
Shearing

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Rose

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Becker

cc: Hon. Gerald W. Hardcastle, District Judge,
Family Court Division
Attorney General
Christina Y.
Clark County Clerk