

**Subject:** Re: Conservatorship

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Thinking about the options. Let's discuss today before we meet with Dad to make sure we're on the same page.

I'm for a hybrid with the goal of preserving dad's dignity as much as we can.

The ideal:

Use payment of mortgage as leverage for dad to voluntarily say yes to the following supports we offer him:

We make decisions re: his finances, housing, health care (threaten conservatorship and do it if needed)

Evict tenants

Clean out house, make it liveable

Set up a care taker in HB to support Dad and report to us (he has stated this as his preferred option in the past)

3-5 yr: sell house, move dad to assisted care in bay area

Short term: we keep Dad in bay area as long as possible to clear out tenants

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On Mon, Jan 9, 2023, 3:24 PM Hien Cao <[hcaosc@gmail.com](mailto:hcaosc@gmail.com)> wrote:

It will be a big fight with dad to do option 3. We will spend more money on lawyer fees that what he's worth. I'm in favor of option #1. I don't think he has long. I don't want to waste a lot of time & effort fighting with him and making him feel worthless.

On Mon, Jan 9, 2023 at 2:59 PM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

After talking with Mom, I got some ideas about the various options.

Option 1. Caretaker option (Dad's relative, most likely). I think this is not great because (a) the money is somewhat wasted, and we probably don't have much extra control. (b) Dad will still be doing his rental business, which will get him into trouble.

Option 2. A voluntary guardianship. There will be many disagreements with Dad and the guardian about where to live, money, etc. He'll see that, and won't even agree to this option.

Option 3. Forced conservatorship. Dad's not going to like this, but I doubt there is any other choice.

Assuming option 3: (a) Mom wants to compile info regarding incompetency, such as his being taken advantage of. (b) I think we have other proof of his incompetence with his tenants.

Almost certainly, #3 will waste the least time and be most effective. I say we head in that direction, and try to get Dad to like the approach as much as possible. Mom and I are in general agreement about this.

Huy