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September 8, 2020

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1976 (Eggman) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 1976, which among other things, requires a county or group of counties to offer mental health programs under Laura's Law (assisted outpatient treatment) unless a county opts out with a resolution passed by the governing body.

The Judicial Council believes the bill will likely relieve pressure on criminal courts by offering more community-based treatment programs to individuals having mental health and substance use disorders, many of whom end up in the criminal justice system, including in collaborative justice court programs. Moreover, the bill will likely offer additional treatment opportunities for those participating in diversion programs such as Mental Health Diversion (Pen. C. §1001.36) as well as collaborative justice court programs offered in Mental Health Courts, Drug Courts, Veterans Courts, and others. In addition, the bill could provide community-based restoration of competency services to individuals who are deemed incompetent to stand trial and participating in Mental Health Diversion. Finally, the council believes that permitting a judge in a superior court to request a petition for an order to be filed for a person who appears before the judge is consistent with the procedures available to courts in incompetent to stand trial proceedings.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1976.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

Mailed September 8, 2020

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cc: Hon. Susan Eggman, Member of the Assembly
Mr. Anthony Williams, Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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July 31, 2020

Hon. Richard Pan, Chair
Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1976 (Eggman), as amended May 4, 2020 – Support
Hearing: Senate Health Committee – August 1, 2020

Dear Senator Pan:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1976, which, among other things, requires a county or group of counties to offer mental health programs under Laura's Law (assisted outpatient treatment) unless a county opts out by a resolution passed by the governing body.

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