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Hon. Ash Kalra, Chair  
Assembly Judiciary Committee  
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Subject: Assembly Bill 1785 (Pacheco), as introduced January 03, 2024—Support  
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee—April 2, 2024

Dear Assembly Member Kalra:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1785, which amends current Government Code Section 7928.205 to clarify that the definition of “home address” includes the use of an assessor’s parcel number which can be converted into a home address, because it would promote the safety and security of judges. The Judicial Council has consistently supported legislation aimed at protecting the privacy of judges and the protection of their home address information because it promotes judicial independence and integrity. Judges must feel that they and their families are secure from threats of violence or other harm in order to fairly adjudicate the many contentious and high conflict cases that come before them. AB 1785 will close an existing loophole and help to ensure that judges’ home address information is kept confidential.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council strongly supports AB 1785.

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

Sincerely,

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