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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on: August 26, 2011

Title	Agenda Item Type
Subordinate Judicial Officers: Authorization for Two SJO Positions in Superior Court of San Bernardino County	Action Required
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Effective Date
None	August 26, 2011
Recommended by	Date of Report
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Executive Summary

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that the Judicial Council authorize, in accordance with Government Code section 71622(a), two positions for subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) at the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. The court has a workload need for subordinate judicial officers in excess of its current authorized number, plus a demonstrated need for more judicial officers. These positions will replace two existing hearing officer positions; the court will pay for the cost out of its budget. Without the authorization for these two positions, the delivery of justice in San Bernardino would be even more severely affected.

Recommendation

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that the Judicial Council authorize, in accordance with Government Code section 71622(a), two positions for subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) at the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

Previous Council Action

Trial courts have the authority to appoint subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) to meet specified workload demands, but the number and type of SJO positions in each trial court have been subject to Judicial Council approval under Government Code section 71622(a)¹ since January 1, 2001.

Effective February 23, 2007, the Judicial Council adopted a policy delegating to its Executive and Planning Committee (E&P) the approval of requests from trial courts to change the number of subordinate judicial officer positions. Three elements are required:

- The court must fund and bear all costs of any additional SJO positions.
- The most recent council approved Judicial Needs Assessment demonstrates that the requesting court's excess SJO workload justifies the additional SJO positions (SJO workload in excess of its authorized SJO positions).
- The excess SJO workload cannot be handled with the court's existing judicial resources, because the court has severe judicial need.

Since that time, the only requests to the Judicial Council to authorize additional subordinate judicial officer positions have been for the temporary authorization of 2, and later 3, positions for the Superior Court of Riverside County, in connection with the effort to reduce that court's criminal case backlog through a strike force of active and retired judges assigned by former Chief Justice Ronald M. George. Effective August 24, 2007, the Judicial Council approved two temporary SJO positions to supplement this judicial strike force. These temporary positions were to terminate four months later, on December 31, 2007. Upon request from the Riverside court, the council extended those positions twice by circulating orders, until June 30, 2008, and then to June 30, 2009. In the second circulating order, the council authorized a third temporary position, with the same June 30, 2009, termination date. At its April 2009, April 2010, and April 2011 meetings, the council extended the authorization for these three positions through the following June 30.

Rationale for Recommendation

The San Bernardino presiding judge states² that these two additional subordinate judicial officer positions will replace two existing juvenile hearing officer positions and that the court will pay for the cost of the two new commissioners out of its budget. The replacement of these hearing officers with commissioners will provide greater flexibility so that the court can consolidate its high volume calendars to produce operational efficiencies.

¹ "Each trial court may establish and may appoint any subordinate judicial officers that are deemed necessary for the performance of subordinate judicial duties, as authorized by law to be performed by subordinate judicial officers. *However, the number and type of subordinate judicial officers in a trial court shall be subject to approval by the Judicial Council.* Subordinate judicial officers shall serve at the pleasure of the trial court." Gov. Code, §71622(a), emphasis supplied.

² Attachment A is the May 25, 2011, request from the Presiding Judge of the San Bernardino court for the authorization of two subordinate judicial officer positions.

As demonstrated below, the San Bernardino court satisfies the other two criteria set by the Judicial Council in February 2007:

- An excess of SJO workload above the number of authorized SJO positions.
- Judicial need

The data demonstrates that San Bernardino has severe judicial need and an excess of SJO workload above its authorized SJO positions. The most recent update of the Judicial Workload Assessment was submitted to the Legislature in November, 2010. According to that update (a copy of Table 3 in that update is attached [Attachment B]), and the 2010 Court Statistics Report (a copy of Table 12a in that report is attached [Attachment C]), the Superior Court of San Bernardino County has a severe overall judicial need. It currently has 78 authorized judge positions and 13 authorized SJO positions, a total of 91 authorized judicial positions. The May, 2011 Judicial Vacancy Report (8011) shows 1 position that is vacant, pending appointment by the Governor. An additional seven judgeships were authorized by Assembly Bill 159 but are not yet funded. [Attachment D] Thus, there are only 83 judges and SJOs filling the 91 authorized positions in San Bernardino. The total estimated need in San Bernardino under the 2010 update on the judicial workload assessment is 156.7 judicial officers. This means that the Superior Court of San Bernardino has a need of 65.7 judicial officers over the number of authorized positions, and a need of 73.7 judicial officers over the number of currently filled positions. The delay in funding for the authorized judges under AB 159 has exacerbated the court's workload.

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County has a net SJO workload of 1.8 above the complement of authorized SJOs in the court. San Bernardino has workload appropriate to 14.8 SJOs [Attachment E] but currently is only authorized to have 13 SJO positions [Attachment C]. It would be impractical to authorize and employ a fractional number of positions; this fractional net need, therefore, is rounded up in this proposal to 2 positions.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

This request to authorize two SJO positions for the Superior Court of San Bernardino County helps address the backlog of cases in that court and improves access to justice for the users of the San Bernardino court.

The alternative of not approving this recommendation would result in the court continuing to employ two juvenile hearing officers, who are more limited than commissioners in the judicial services that they provide. This alternative would limit the court in consolidating several high volume calendars which would allow it to improve its adaptation to the financial and operational challenges facing it in providing services to the public.

Public comment has not been solicited on this proposal because it pertains to court staffing for the requesting court consonant with the principles of decentralized management in California Rules of Court 10.601 et seq.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

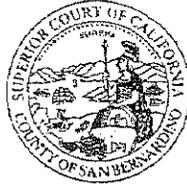
The requesting court will pay the cost of filling these two positions, as it has been doing for the hearing officer positions which are intended to be replaced. Attached is the May 25, 2011, letter from the presiding judge stating that the court will bear the cost of these two positions (Attachment A).

Relevant Strategic Plan Goals and Operational Plan Objectives

Because this proposal will allow the court to replace two hearing officers with two commissioners during a lean budget year with uncertainty about when the Legislature will fund the authorized AB 159 judgeships, it supports branch Goal I, Access to Justice.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: May 25, 2011, letter from Presiding Judge Douglas M. Elwell, Superior Court of San Bernardino County to Justice Richard D. Huffman, Chair, Executive and Planning Committee.
2. Attachment B: Table 3, Judicial Workload Assessment, October, 2010. From The Need for New Judgeships in the Superior Courts: 2010 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment, Report to the Legislature under Government Code Section 69614(C).
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/20101029infojudge.pdf>
3. Attachment C: Table 12a, from 2010 Court Statistics Report.
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/xbcr/cc/csr2010.pdf>
4. Attachment D: Judicial Vacancy Report (8011), Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of May 31, 2011
5. Attachment E: 2010 Update of Assessed Judicial Need for Judges and SJOs.



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May 25, 2011

Justice Richard D. Huffman
Chair, Judicial Council Executive and Planning Committee
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RE: COMMISSIONER POSITIONS

Dear Justice Huffman:

I am writing to you to obtain your advice and guidance with regard to asking the Judicial Council to authorize two additional commissioner positions for the San Bernardino County Superior Court.

I well understand the Judicial Council's reluctance to authorize such positions -- feeling as it does that the Branch is better served by advocating for additional judgeships, and acting to convert existing commissioner positions to judgeships, to meet our ever increasing caseloads. While I appreciate the wisdom of the Judicial Council's long-term view on this issue, I find myself keenly focused on the somewhat shorter-term needs of this court. With all of that in mind, I note the following:

1. According to the latest caseload study conducted by the National Center for State Courts, the Superior Court of San Bernardino County carries the highest non-infraction per judge caseload in the entire state -- totaling almost 2,600 non-infraction cases per judge per year.
2. According to the latest assessment of SJO needs by the Office of Court Research, the Superior Court of San Bernardino County has an unmet need for an additional 1.8 SJOs.
3. The Superior Court of San Bernardino County will bear the entire cost of the two additional commissioner positions, with no demand placed on the Branch for financial assistance in that regard. (If we can obtain those two positions, we would be able to terminate the employment of two juvenile hearing officers and use those salary savings to offset the cost of the new commissioners.)

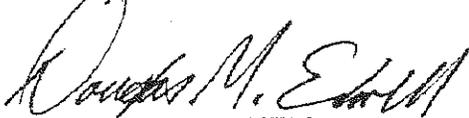
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4. The addition of two additional commissioners would give us significantly greater flexibility in covering high volume calendars which we are consolidating (or are in the process of planning to consolidate) in order to effectuate greater operational savings.

As a practical matter, the prospect of additional judgeships being allocated to the trial courts does not appear to be forthcoming in the foreseeable future. Not only does the current Governor seem somewhat "casual" in addressing vacancies on the various courts (including the Supreme Court itself), but there is no reason to assume that the Legislature will act any time soon to bring the remaining one hundred "promised judgeships" (fourteen of which were to come to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County) into being.

I realize that none of this comes to you as surprising news. I am simply asking for your advice and guidance on how I can best provide the leadership and effective advocacy on this issue that my proud bench deserves.

Sincerely,



DOUGLAS M. ELWELL
Presiding Judge

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Table 3: Need for Judicial Officers by Superior Court

County	2008			2010 Update		Change in Need From 2008
	Authorized Judicial Positions*	Assessed Judicial Need**	Net Need	Assessed Judicial Need***	Net Need	
Alameda	85.0	80.5	-4.5	81.6	-3.4	1.1
Alpine	2.3	0.2	-2.1	0.2	-2.1	0.0
Amador	2.3	2.9	0.6	2.6	0.3	-0.3
Butte	14.0	15.7	1.7	16.0	2.0	0.3
Calaveras	2.3	2.9	0.6	2.9	0.6	0.0
Colusa	2.3	1.8	-0.5	1.6	-0.7	-0.1
Contra Costa	47.0	45.7	-1.3	45.4	-1.6	-0.3
Del Norte	3.8	4.0	0.2	3.4	-0.4	-0.6
El Dorado	9.0	10.8	1.8	10.3	1.3	-0.5
Fresno	53.0	78.3	25.3	78.1	25.1	-0.2
Glenn	2.3	2.5	0.2	2.3	0.0	-0.2
Humboldt	8.0	10.1	2.1	9.8	1.8	-0.3
Imperial	11.4	12.1	0.7	12.5	1.1	0.4
Inyo	2.3	1.8	-0.5	1.7	-0.6	-0.1
Kern	46.0	59.8	13.8	59.5	13.5	-0.3
Kings	9.5	12.3	2.8	12.2	2.7	-0.1
Lake	4.8	5.8	1.0	5.2	0.4	-0.6
Lassen	2.3	3.3	1.0	3.2	0.9	-0.1
Los Angeles	586.3	621.1	34.8	619.8	33.6	-1.3
Madera	10.3	13.2	2.9	13.3	3.0	0.1
Marin	14.5	12.0	-2.5	11.5	-3.0	-0.5
Mariposa	2.3	1.4	-0.9	1.1	-1.2	-0.3
Mendocino	8.4	7.6	-0.8	8.2	-0.2	0.6
Merced	14.0	21.7	7.7	20.7	6.7	-1.0
Modoc	2.3	1.0	-1.3	0.9	-1.4	-0.1
Mono	2.3	1.1	-1.2	1.2	-1.1	0.0
Monterey	22.0	25.3	3.3	24.1	2.1	-1.2
Napa	8.0	8.6	0.6	8.5	0.5	-0.1
Nevada	7.6	5.9	-1.7	5.8	-1.8	-0.1
Orange	145.0	157.8	12.8	168.1	23.1	10.4
Placer	16.5	28.4	11.9	21.8	5.3	-6.7
Plumas	2.3	1.9	-0.4	1.6	-0.7	-0.3
Riverside	83.0	142.5	59.5	146.4	63.4	3.9
Sacramento	78.5	119.6	41.1	115.0	36.5	-4.6
San Benito	2.5	3.3	0.8	3.6	1.1	0.3
San Bernardino	91.0	147.7	56.7	156.7	65.7	9.0
San Diego	154.0	160.3	6.3	165.6	11.6	5.3
San Francisco	65.0	53.0	-12.0	54.1	-10.9	1.1
San Joaquin	36.5	55.1	18.6	53.2	16.7	-1.8
San Luis Obispo	15.0	17.5	2.5	17.3	2.3	-0.2
San Mateo	33.0	32.2	-0.8	32.6	-0.4	0.5
Santa Barbara	24.0	27.4	3.4	25.7	1.7	-1.8
Santa Clara	89.0	84.5	-4.5	78.5	-10.5	-6.0
Santa Cruz	13.5	14.6	1.1	14.5	1.0	-0.1
Shasta	13.0	17.2	4.2	16.9	3.9	-0.4
Sierra	2.3	0.4	-1.9	0.3	-2.0	-0.1
Siskiyou	5.0	4.0	-1.0	3.9	-1.1	-0.2
Solano	24.0	32.1	8.1	32.6	8.6	0.5
Sonoma	24.0	28.2	4.2	28.0	4.0	-0.2
Stanislaus	26.0	39.1	13.1	39.8	13.8	0.7
Sutter	5.3	6.8	1.5	8.4	3.1	1.5
Tehama	4.3	5.9	1.6	5.6	1.3	-0.3
Trinity	2.3	0.7	-1.6	1.2	-1.1	0.5
Tulare	25.0	34.4	9.4	32.5	7.5	-1.9
Tuolumne	4.8	4.8	0.1	4.3	-0.4	-0.5
Ventura	33.0	37.7	4.7	40.9	7.9	3.2
Yolo	13.4	14.8	1.4	13.5	0.1	-1.2
Yuba	5.3	6.4	1.1	5.8	0.5	-0.6
Total	2,022	2,348	326	2,352	330	4

* Note that the 2008 update of the judicial needs assessment showed 2,021 authorized judicial positions (AJP) due to rounding down of fractional subordinate judicial officer positions. Both the 2008 report and this report include 100 judges approved by SB 56 and AB 159.

** Based on three-year average filings from FY 2004–2005 through FY 2006–2007.

*** Based on three-year average filings from FY 2006–2007 through FY 2008–2009.

**Authorized Judicial Positions and Judicial Position
Equivalents by County
Fiscal Year 2008-09**

**Superior Courts
Table 12a**

COUNTY	Judicial Positions as of June 30, 2009					Judicial Position Equivalents (F)
	Total (A)	Judges (B)	Subordinate Judicial Officers		Referees (E)	
			Total (C)	Commissioners (D)		
STATEWIDE	2,022.0	1630.0	392.0	364.8	27.3	2,200.5
ALAMEDA	85.0	69.0	16.0	16.0	—	91.1
ALPINE	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.1
AMADOR	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	3.0
BUTTE	14.0	12.0	2.0	2.0	—	15.5
CALAVERAS	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.9
COLUSA	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.3
CONTRA COSTA	47.0	38.0	9.0	9.0	—	50.9
DEL NORTE	3.8	3.0	0.8	0.8	—	4.3
EL DORADO	9.0	7.0	2.0	2.0	—	9.9
FRESNO	53.0	45.0	8.0	8.0	—	56.3
GLENN	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.4
HUMBOLDT	8.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	—	9.0
IMPERIAL	11.4	9.0	2.4	1.4	1.0	11.6
INYO	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.8
KERN	46.0	39.0	7.0	6.0	1.0	44.9
KINGS	9.5	8.0	1.5	1.5	—	10.7
LAKE	4.8	4.0	0.8	0.8	—	5.9
LASSEN	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	3.2
LOS ANGELES	586.3	441.0	145.3	131.0	14.3	625.0
MADERA	10.3	10.0	0.3	0.3	—	11.4
MARIN	14.5	10.0	4.5	4.0	0.5	14.7
MARIPOSA	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.5
MENDOCINO	8.4	8.0	0.4	0.4	—	9.2
MERCED	14.0	11.0	3.0	3.0	—	14.5
MODOC	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	1.6
MONO	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.5
MONTEREY	22.0	20.0	2.0	2.0	—	21.8
NAPA	8.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	—	8.5
NEVADA	7.6	6.0	1.6	1.6	—	8.1
ORANGE	145.0	114.0	31.0	31.0	—	163.4
PLACER	16.5	12.0	4.5	4.0	0.5	19.9
PLUMAS	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.7
RIVERSIDE	83.0	65.0	18.0	18.0	—	101.0
SACRAMENTO	78.5	66.0	12.5	6.0	6.5	92.6
SAN BENITO	2.5	2.0	0.5	0.5	—	3.0
SAN BERNARDINO	91.0	78.0	13.0	13.0	—	101.9
SAN DIEGO	154.0	130.0	24.0	24.0	—	160.9
SAN FRANCISCO	65.0	51.0	14.0	14.0	—	66.4
SAN JOAQUIN	36.5	32.0	4.5	4.0	0.5	41.4
SAN LUIS OBISPO	15.0	12.0	3.0	3.0	—	15.9
SAN MATEO	33.0	26.0	7.0	7.0	—	36.2
SANTA BARBARA	24.0	19.0	5.0	5.0	—	25.2
SANTA CLARA	89.0	79.0	10.0	10.0	—	102.0
SANTA CRUZ	13.5	10.0	3.5	2.5	1.0	13.9
SHASTA	13.0	11.0	2.0	2.0	—	15.1
SIERRA	2.3	2.0	0.3	0.3	—	2.4
SISKIYOU	5.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	—	5.0
SOLANO	24.0	21.0	3.0	3.0	—	28.0

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
JUDICIAL VACANCY REPORT (8011)**

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of **May 31, 2011**

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled(Last Month***)</i>	<i>Vacant(Last Month***)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	6	1	0	6	1
Courts of Appeal	6	105	102	3	0	103	2
Superior Courts	58	1662	1584	28	50*	1590	72
All Courts	65	1774	1692		82	1699	75

*Authorized January 1, 2008, 50 new (AB 159) judgeships are added. However, the funding for these 50 new (AB 159) judgeships has been deferred and has not yet been provided.

***As of April 30, 2011

New Vacancies that occurred in May 2011

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPREME COURT

	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Supreme Court	1	Retirement	Hon. Carlos R. Moreno	02/28/11
TOTAL VACANCIES	1			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Third Appellate District	1	Elevated	Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye	01/02/11
Fourth Appellate District, Division Three	1*	Retirement	Hon. David G. Sills	05/31/11
Sixth Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Richard J. McAdams	02/28/11
TOTAL VACANCIES	3			

* Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye selected Associate Justice William F. Rylaarsdam to serve as Acting Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three in Santa Ana. Justice Rylaarsdam, who sits on Division Three, will temporarily fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Presiding Justice David G. Sills until the Governor appoints a replacement who must then be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Imperial	2	Retirement	Hon. Joseph Zimmerman	11/10/10
Imperial		Deceased	Hon. Barrett J. Foerster	11/10/10
Los Angeles	7	Retirement	Hon. Andrew C. Kauffman	05/15/11
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Charles E. Horan	05/06/11
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. John A. Kronstadt	04/25/11
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Marlene A. Kristovich	03/31/11
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Jerry E. Johnson	03/02/11
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Conrad Richard Aragon	02/17/11
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Dennis A. Aichroth	02/17/11
Madera	1	Dis Retirement	Hon. Eric C. Wyatt	05/23/11
Mendocino	2	Retirement	Hon. Jonathan M. Lehan	03/04/11
Mendocino		Dis Retirement	Hon. Ronald Brown	01/31/11
Napa	1	Dis Retirement	Hon. Stephen Thomas Kroyer	05/23/11
Riverside	3	Retirement	Hon. W. Charles Morgan	01/31/11
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Paul E. Zellerbach	01/02/11
Riverside		Elevated	Hon. Carol D. Codrington	01/02/11
Sacramento	1	Retirement	Hon. James L. Long	03/10/11
San Bernardino	1	Retirement	Hon. W. Robert Fawke	04/22/11
San Francisco	1	Retirement	Hon. Mary Carolyn Morgan	03/03/11
San Mateo	1	Retirement	Hon. Rosemary Pfeiffer	03/31/11
Santa Clara	4	Retirement	Hon. Kevin J. Murphy	05/31/11
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Alfonso Fernandez	04/12/11
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Eugene Michael Hyman	03/01/11
Santa Clara		To Fed Court	Hon. Edward J. Davila	03/01/11
Solano	1	Retirement	Hon. Allan P. Carter	02/25/11
Stanislaus	1	Retirement	Hon. John G. Whiteside	04/15/11
Tuolumne	1	Retirement	Hon. Douglas C. Boyack	12/31/10
Ventura	1	Retirement	Hon. David W. Long	05/16/11
SUBTOTAL:	28			

Butte	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Contra Costa	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Del Norte	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Fresno	4	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Kern	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Kings	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Los Angeles	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Madera	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Merced	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Monterey	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Orange	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Placer	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Riverside	7	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Sacramento	6	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
San Bernardino	7	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
San Joaquin	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Shasta	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Solano	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Sonoma	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Stanislaus	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Tulare	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Yolo	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
TOTAL VACANCIES:	78			

(Vacancy Removed from Report when Replacement Appointed or Elected)

2010 Update of Assessed Judicial Need for Judges and SJOs

County	Judge	SJO	Total
Alameda	71.5	10.1	81.6
Alpine	0.2	0.0	0.2
Amador	2.3	0.3	2.6
Butte	14.5	1.5	16.0
Calaveras	2.6	0.3	2.9
Colusa	1.4	0.2	1.6
Contra Costa	39.9	5.5	45.4
Del Norte	3.1	0.3	3.4
El Dorado	9.3	1.0	10.3
Fresno	71.7	6.3	78.1
Glenn	2.0	0.3	2.3
Humboldt	8.9	0.9	9.8
Imperial	10.8	1.7	12.5
Inyo	1.4	0.3	1.7
Kern	53.6	5.9	59.5
Kings	11.2	1.0	12.2
Lake	4.7	0.5	5.2
Lassen	2.9	0.3	3.2
Los Angeles	544.6	75.2	619.8
Madera	12.3	1.0	13.3
Marin	10.0	1.5	11.5
Mariposa	1.0	0.1	1.1
Mendocino	7.6	0.6	8.2
Merced	18.8	1.9	20.7
Modoc	0.8	0.1	0.9
Mono	1.0	0.2	1.2
Monterey	21.6	2.5	24.1
Napa	7.7	0.8	8.5
Nevada	5.1	0.7	5.8
Orange	148.4	19.7	168.1
Placer	19.3	2.5	21.8
Plumas	1.5	0.2	1.6
Riverside	130.8	15.6	146.4
Sacramento	105.0	10.0	115.0
San Benito	3.2	0.3	3.6
San Bernardino	141.9	14.8	156.7
San Diego	146.5	19.2	165.6
San Francisco	47.8	6.3	54.1
San Joaquin	48.3	5.0	53.2
San Luis Obispo	15.4	1.9	17.3

San Mateo	28.0	4.6	32.6
Santa Barbara	22.7	3.0	25.7
Santa Clara	69.6	8.9	78.5
Santa Cruz	13.1	1.4	14.5
Shasta	15.3	1.6	16.9
Sierra	0.2	0.0	0.3
Siskiyou	3.4	0.5	3.9
Solano	29.8	2.8	32.6
Sonoma	25.0	3.1	28.0
Stanislaus	36.6	3.1	39.8
Sutter	7.6	0.7	8.4
Tehama	5.0	0.6	5.6
Trinity	1.0	0.1	1.2
Tulare	29.8	2.8	32.5
Tuolumne	3.9	0.5	4.3
Ventura	35.6	5.3	40.9
Yolo	12.4	1.1	13.5
Yuba	5.2	0.6	5.8
Total	2,094.7	257.2	2,351.9

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