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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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Judicial Council of California
455 Golden Gate Avenue
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Dear Judicial Council:

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is in full support of Presiding Judge Charles W. McCoy's request to your council, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, to immediately obtain all necessary authority from the legislature and Governor to redirect ongoing funds from the "Immediate and Critical Needs Account" to meet the needs of the Los Angeles Superior Courts.

As you aware, the Los Angeles Superior Courts are by far the busiest and largest in the State of California. As such, the needs are unique and more complex as compared to other counties throughout California.

These funds would provide a source for a proportionate amount of the court fines and fees collected in the County of Los Angeles to be returned to the local court; thus providing an adequate level of service to the community and avoid massive employee layoffs.

I look forward to our continuing collaborative relationship with your council and the Administrative Office of the Courts. As in the past, I will make myself available to support you in this endeavor.

Please feel free to refer any questions to either me or Chief Richard J. Barrantes, Court Services Division, at (626) 300-3100.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

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