

Commission on the Future of California's Court System
Public Comment Session on December 8, 2015
Comment Procedures

The Commission on the Future of California's Court System (Commission) has scheduled a hearing to receive public comment on December 8, 2015, to further its mission of identifying ways to improve the court system and increase access to justice for all Californians.

The Commission is soliciting early reaction to proposed concepts before conducting further research on these topics. The listening session will include brief presentations and an opportunity for comment relating to the following items currently under consideration.

- A methodology for the equitable statewide distribution of judicial resources with the flexibility to accommodate population and/or workload fluctuations that occur over time.
- Restructuring and reforming fines and fees to make them equitable, simple, and more aligned with offenses. Such restructuring may include identifying a stable, alternative funding stream so that the judicial branch is less dependent on court fines and fees revenue as a source of funding.
- A new model for processing traffic infractions that may include decriminalizing such infractions and/or shifting their adjudication to an administrative forum.
- Uniform data reporting and collection efforts in order to effectively monitor outstanding fines and fees and ensure they are paid.

Further specifics about the ideas under consideration will be made available in advance of the comment session. The agenda will be posted at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/futurescommission.htm>. The time period for public comment will be specified in the agenda. Comments can be provided in writing or in person on the day of the session. You are encouraged to check the website periodically for updates.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK

Individuals interested in speaking can request to speak in advance or on the date of the session as indicated below.

Requesting to Speak In Advance.

Email the request to FuturesCommission@jud.ca.gov or mail to:

Judicial Council of California
Attn: Leadership Services Division, Special Projects Office
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833

- Please provide the speaker's first and last name, title, and affiliation. Identify the topic(s) to be addressed.
- Written requests to speak must be received by Thursday, December 3, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. Those who submit a written request to speak will receive a confirmation receipt.
- Individuals who signed up to speak in advance, should sign in to confirm their attendance when checking-in on the date of the session.

Requesting to Speak On the Day of the Session.

- Members of the public can attend in person and request to comment at the session. Requests to speak during the time reserved for public comment will be taken up to the point that public comment is called for the topic.
- Sign in at the reception table. Speakers are asked to print their first and last name, title, and affiliation along with the specific topic(s) to be addressed. Anyone wishing to speak should arrive during the sign-up time indicated on the agenda.
- Comments should be limited to only the topic(s) presented as comments unrelated to the work of the Commission will not be heard.

Please be advised

- Given time constraints, there is no guarantee that all who request to speak will be accommodated. As an alternative when requests cannot be fulfilled, written comments will be accepted and made available to Commission members.
- The time allotted for public comment will vary according to the number of requests received and the time available on the agenda.
- Each speaker will have a maximum time of 5 minutes to speak.
- If there are numerous requests, individual speaker time may be limited to accommodate the time available. Any reduction in the maximum time individuals may speak will be communicated by the facilitator at the beginning of the public comment period.
- Individuals who attend must remain orderly. The Chair may order the removal of any disorderly persons.

Written Comments

- Written comments addressing any agenda topic(s) will be accepted and made available to Commission members. Written comments should clearly indicate the topic(s) being addressed.
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- All written comments received by close of business on Thursday, December 3rd will be provided to the commission members in advance of the public comment session on December 8th. However, to allow for additional comment time for those that may not be able to attend in-person, written comments on the topics will also be accepted through January 8 and forwarded to commission members for consideration.