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July 1, 2021

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

Subject: Assembly Bill 627 (Waldron) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council of California is the sponsor of AB 627 and respectfully requests your signature. AB 627 ensures that divorce or dissolution orders and judgments issued by tribal courts that include division of pension or other deferred compensation assets are effective and, in particular, can be recognized as meeting the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) (Public Law 93-406; 88 Stat. 829) and other similar statutes that restrict the transfer or division of such assets.

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- It provides an easier and less expensive alternative to “registration” of a tribal divorce or dissolution order in state court. This reduces barriers for tribal members who have a divorce or dissolution order from the tribal court.
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 627.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Marie Waldron, Member of the Assembly

Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor

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May 28, 2021

Hon. Thomas J. Umberg, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 5097
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 627 (Waldron), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 8, 2021

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Judicial Council of California is the sponsor of AB 627, which ensures that divorce or dissolution orders and judgments issued by tribal courts that include division of pension or other deferred compensation assets are effective and, in particular, can be recognized as meeting the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) (Public Law 93-406; 88 Stat. 829) and other similar statutes that restrict the transfer or division of such assets.

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March 16, 2021

Hon. Mark Stone, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 627 (Waldron), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – March 23, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council of California is the sponsor of AB 627, which ensures that divorce or dissolution orders and judgments issued by tribal courts that include division of pension or other deferred compensation assets are effective and, in particular, can be recognized as meeting the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) (Public Law 93-406; 88 Stat. 829) and other similar statutes that restrict the transfer or division of such assets.

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March 8, 2021

Hon. Marie Waldron
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3104
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 627 (Waldron), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – March 23, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Waldron:

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Thank you for authoring this important legislation. Please contact me if I can be of assistance. I can be reached by email (andi.liebenbaum@jud.ca.gov) or 916-323-3121.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this issue. We look forward to helping you move the bill forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andi Liebenbaum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andi Liebenbaum
Attorney

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cc: Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California