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May 1, 2017

Hon. James M. Gallagher  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2158  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 255 (Gallagher), as amended March 22, 2017 – Support

Dear Assembly Member Gallagher:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 255. AB 255 requires the court, which when determining the county placement of sexually violent predators (SVPs), to consider additional factors if the county of placement is not the county of domicile, including if and how long the person has previously resided or been employed in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county.

The Judicial Council believes AB 255 enhances judicial discretion by requiring the court to consider additional factors for placement when the court determines that the appropriate county of placement for SVPs is not the county of domicile. The council also believes that expanding the factors a court must consider when determining the appropriate placement to include previous residence or employment in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county provides the courts with appropriate guidance when making that determination. In addition, the council believes that SVPs are disproportionately located in rural counties and that relocating SVPs to areas without having any sort of residential, family, or work ties to the community is problematic, especially in rural communities that face unique public safety issues and do not have the capacity to monitor offenders from other counties.

Hon. James M. Gallagher

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 255.

Sincerely,

*Mailed on May 3, 2017*

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cc: Hon. Kevin Kiley, Coauthor, Member of the Assembly

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June 2, 2017

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 255 (Gallagher), as amended March 22, 2017 – Support  
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – June 13, 2017

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 255. AB 255 requires the court, which when determining the county placement of sexually violent predators (SVPs), to consider additional factors if the county of placement is not the county of domicile, including if and how long the person has previously resided or been employed in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county.

The council believes AB 255 enhances judicial discretion by requiring the court to consider additional factors for placement when the court determines that the appropriate county of placement for SVPs is not the county of domicile. The council also believes that expanding the factors a court must consider when determining the appropriate placement to include previous residence or employment in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county provides the courts with appropriate guidance when making that determination. In addition, the council believes that SVPs are disproportionately located in rural counties and that relocating SVPs to areas without having any sort of residential, family, or work ties to the community is problematic, especially in rural communities that face unique public safety issues and do not have the capacity to monitor offenders from other counties.

Hon. Nancy Skinner

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 255.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at [sharon.reilly@jud.ca.gov](mailto:sharon.reilly@jud.ca.gov) or 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

*Mailed June 2, 2017*

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June 23, 2017

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 255 (Gallagher) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 255. AB 255 requires the court, when determining the county placement of sexually violent predators (SVPs), to consider additional factors if the county of placement is not the county of domicile, including if and how long the person has previously resided or been employed in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county.

The council believes AB 255 enhances judicial discretion by requiring the court to consider additional factors for placement when the court determines that the appropriate county of placement for SVPs is not the county of domicile. The council also believes that expanding the factors a court must consider when determining the appropriate placement to include previous residence or employment in the county and if the person has next of kin in the county provides the courts with appropriate guidance when making that determination. In addition, the council believes that SVPs are disproportionately located in rural counties and that relocating SVPs to areas without having any sort of residential, family, or work ties to the community is problematic, especially in rural communities that face unique public safety issues and do not have the capacity to monitor offenders from other counties.

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 255.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at [sharon.reilly@jud.ca.gov](mailto:sharon.reilly@jud.ca.gov) or 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

*Mailed on June 23, 2017*

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