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

Subject: Assembly Bill 2655 (Gloria), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 3, 2018

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 2655, which would direct the Judicial Council to develop a proposal to evaluate and implement civil adjudication of minor vehicle infractions. The bill would require the Judicial Council to conduct at least one public hearing and submit status reports every 6 months, as specified.

On May 17, 2017, California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye directed the council to establish a working group to evaluate and propose recommendations for the civil adjudication of minor traffic infractions. Pursuant to the Chief's directive, the recommendations are to include statutory and rule changes as well as appropriate standardized processes to free up court and law enforcement resources and simplify procedures for defendants in traffic infraction cases. The recommendations also must explore, evaluate, and recommend options for online processing for all phases of traffic infractions.

Since June 2017, the Futures Traffic Working Group has been meeting, pursuant to the Chief's directive, to address these specific issues. Because the working group's efforts would be

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informed and improved with feedback from stakeholders, a public listening session is being scheduled for next month, and other opportunities for public input and feedback will be publicized over the course of the working group's tenure and the council's deliberations. These solicitations for public input are consistent with the goals of AB 2655. Additionally, the working group is committed to ensuring that the Legislature is kept apprised of the progress of its work up to and including an opportunity to comment on the final recommendations when the Judicial Council will vote on whether to approve the working group's recommendations for statutory and rule changes consistent with the Chief's directive.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 2655.

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

Sincerely,

Mailed on March 21, 2018

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