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September 20, 2023

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 881 (Ting)—Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 881, which extends an existing pilot program authorizing the Superior Court of San Francisco to pay specified low-income criminal trial jurors \$100 for each day of service until 2025 and expands it to four additional courts to be selected by the Judicial Council upon an appropriation of funds in the budget to support these pilots.

AB 1452 (Ting; Stats. 2021, ch. 717), authorized the Superior Court of San Francisco to conduct a pilot program to analyze and determine whether paying certain low-income trial jurors \$100 per day for each day they are required to report for service as a trial juror in a criminal case promotes a more economically and racially diverse trial jury panel that more accurately reflects the demographics of the community. AB 881 seeks to build on AB 1452.

In 2003, the Judicial Council's Task Force on Jury System improvements recommended a statewide increase in juror compensation.¹ At that time, the Task Force reiterated the importance of continuing efforts to raise juror pay to a respectable level. Ensuring that trial jurors are reflective of the full economic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the communities in which they sit is critical to ensuring public trust and confidence in the courts and ensuring fairness in jury trials. AB 881 will help advance this objective and ensure that future efforts to increase the juror per diem are well informed.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 881.

¹ www.courts.ca.gov/documents/tfjsi_final.pdf

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Phil Ting, Member of the Assembly, 19th District
Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
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Subject: Assembly Bill 881 (Ting), as amended September 1, 2023—Support

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 881, which extends an existing pilot program authorizing the Superior Court of San Francisco to pay specified low-income criminal trial jurors \$100 for each day of service until 2025 and expands it to four additional courts to be selected by the Judicial Council upon an appropriation of funds in the budget to support these pilots.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 881.

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