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*Re: Report on Purchase or Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by
Superior Courts (July 1–December 31, 2015) as required by Government
Code section 69958*

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Alvarez, and Mr. Wilson:

The Judicial Council respectfully submits this report, as required by Government Code section 69958, to provide information to the Legislature regarding superior court purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment during the period of July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. As required by statute, for each purchase or lease of equipment, the report specifies the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased or leased.

Government Code section 69957 requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any electronic recording technology or equipment. Approval for purchase or

lease of the equipment is subject to the equipment being used only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under that section. All 58 superior courts were surveyed regarding their purchase or lease of the equipment to ensure that all purchases were made with the required authorization. During the July 1 through December 31, 2015, period, four courts purchased electronic equipment or related items for use in court proceedings. During the period, three of the courts submitted a Request to Purchase form and received authorizations for their purchases. A fourth court purchased the equipment during the period, but submitted the form and received approval after purchase and the end of the reporting period.

The Superior Court of Alpine County spent \$26,949 to purchase a FTR Touch 4 Channel Recording System with DMX-4 Mixer, with FTR LogNotes, and FTR Player; a Polycom C8 DSP Mixer; and various other equipment, including a listening device with four receivers, an AMX Touch Control Panel, a controller, amplifier, router, microphones, and connectors; and installation, programming, and support. The purchase was not an upgrade to existing software. The software and equipment will be used to make an official record in traffic infractions and misdemeanors where a reporter is not present, and for limited civil and small claims cases as needed.

The Superior Court of Orange County spent \$9,222 to purchase five Presonus 8-Channel Mixers, Model FP 109; and three Court Audio, Audio Trax SW981-8 8-Channel Recording Software Systems. The recording systems and three of the mixers were for new installations, and two of the mixers were purchased as backups in the event that other mixers malfunction. The equipment will be used to make an official record in infraction, misdemeanor, limited civil, and small claims cases.

The Superior Court of San Francisco County spent \$151,986 to purchase four JAV-Centro-TX audio/video processor base units with software, four JAV-SW-AL7S Recorder & Standard audio/video recording devices with multichannel audio recording, and 26 JAV-REC7-SS Recorder 7 Standard audio/video recording devices with stereo audio recording, and installation. Four of the systems were for new courtroom installations and 22 were purchased as backup devices in the event that existing equipment fails. The equipment will be used to make an official record in misdemeanors, infractions, limited civil, and traffic, and for appeals of these cases as requested by counsel.

The Superior Court of San Joaquin County spent \$1,531 to purchase a Denon DN700R Recording System. The equipment is not a replacement or upgrade of existing equipment. It will be used to monitor subordinate judicial officers, hearing officers, or temporary judges in small claims cases.

The total amount spent by these four courts on the purchase of electronic recording equipment during the reporting period was \$189,688.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Finance, at 916-263-1397.

Sincerely,



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The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 69958, which requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature, on a semiannual basis, regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. The report must specify the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

For the period July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, four courts purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items at a cost of \$189,688 to create an official record in various court proceedings or to monitor subordinate judicial officers in certain types of cases as authorized by law. Information about these transactions is discussed in the report.

The full report is available at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 818-558-3115.