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

Subject: Senate Bill 1223 (Becker)—Neutral

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council has a position of neutral on SB 1223, as amended August 25, 20022, which clarifies that judicial officers continue to retain discretion when considering ordering mental health diversion in light of the amendments to existing law proposed by SB 1223.

The Judicial Council had several meetings with the author's office, staff to the Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code, and sponsors of the legislation that resulted in amendments that clarify that judicial officers continue to have discretion to order mental health diversion under SB 1223, as well as making other clarifying changes. For that reason, the Judicial Council is neutral on SB 1223.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Josh Becker, Member of Assembly, 13th District
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