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Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
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Subject: Senate Bill 827 (Committee on Public Safety) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on SB 827, which enhances the efficiency of the courts and justice partners by allowing courts to electronically deliver certain post-conviction documents to convicted persons' counsel, district attorneys, the California Department of Corrections (CDCR), and county jails when they opt into electronic delivery.

Penal Code section 1203.01 requires that the court deliver a series of paper documents – via U.S. mail – to convicted persons and their attorneys. Once a judgement has been made in a case, the judge, district attorney, defense counsel, law enforcement agent, probation officer, and other parties may file statements or reports regarding the convicted person with the court clerk. The clerk must then mail these statements and reports to the convicted person, the convicted person's attorney, and the district attorney in the case. The clerk is also required to mail certified copies of all statements and reports addressed to CDCR as well as copies of charging documents, waiver and plea forms, and the transcript of the court proceedings to the prison or jail at which the convicted person is housed.

Amending Penal Code section 1203.01 to allow courts to offer the option of electronic delivery enhances the courts' efficiency and reduces their reliance on paper. This amendment allows attorneys, CDCR, and county jails to opt into electronic delivery orally or in writing and requires

that courts continue to deliver the documents via U.S. mail if one does not request electronic delivery. Further, courts will continue to deliver these documents via U.S. Mail to defendants post-conviction.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on SB 827.

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

Sincerely,

*Sent September 17, 2021*

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