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March 13, 2018

Hon. Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2117
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer), as introduced – Support / Sponsor

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532, which would require the court to permit a person to elect to perform community service in lieu of the total fine upon making a specified showing of hardship to the court. This bill would also value the hourly rate for community service at double the minimum wage, based on the schedule for an employer who employs 25 or fewer employees, as specified. The bill would further authorize a court by local rule to increase the amount that is credited for each hour of community service performed.

Currently, each court determines its own hourly rate for defendants who perform community service, resulting in different rates throughout the state. This bill is needed to provide a uniform and equitable statewide minimum hourly rate for community service in lieu of payment of infraction fines. By doing so, it would promote access to justice.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532.

Sincerely,

Mailed on March 13, 2018

Andi Liebenbaum
Attorney

CTJ/AL/yc-s
cc: Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California

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March 23, 2018

Hon. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Chair
Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2117
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – April 3, 2018

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532, which would require the court to permit a person to perform community service in lieu of the total fine upon making a specified showing of hardship to the court. This bill would also value the hourly rate for community service at double the minimum wage, based on the schedule for an employer who employs 25 or fewer employees, as specified. The bill would further authorize a court by local rule to increase the amount that is credited for each hour of community service performed.

Currently, each court determines its own hourly rate for defendants who perform community service, resulting in different rates throughout the state. This bill is needed to provide a uniform and equitable statewide minimum hourly rate for community service in lieu of payment of infraction fines. By doing so, it would promote access to justice.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532.

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

Sincerely,

Mailed on March 23, 2018

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May 24, 2018

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – June 12, 2018

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532, which would require the court to permit a person to perform community service in lieu of the total fine upon making a specified showing of hardship to the court. This bill would also value the hourly rate for community service at double the minimum wage, based on the schedule for an employer who employs 25 or fewer employees, as specified. The bill would further authorize a court by local rule to increase the amount that is credited for each hour of community service performed.

Currently, each court determines its own hourly rate for defendants who perform community service, resulting in different rates throughout the state. This bill is needed to provide a uniform and equitable statewide minimum hourly rate for community service in lieu of payment of infraction fines. By doing so, it would promote access to justice.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532.

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

Sincerely,

Mailed out on May 24, 2018

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Director, Governmental Affairs

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June 29, 2018

Hon. Anthony Portantino, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer), as introduced – Support/Sponsor
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee – July 2, 2018

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532, which addresses the value of an hour of community service when someone demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that paying the total fine would pose a hardship. This bill would value the hourly rate for community service at double the statewide minimum wage, based on the schedule for an employer who employs 25 or fewer employees, as specified. The bill would authorize a court by local rule to *increase* the amount that is credited for each hour of community service performed.

Currently, each county or court determines the hourly rate for community service in its jurisdiction, resulting in different rates throughout the state. AB 2532 is needed to provide a uniform and equitable statewide minimum hourly rate for community service. This bill would promote access to justice and provide a dignified and standardized rate across California for individuals who would suffer hardship if they had to pay their fines and fees.

One thing AB 2532 does NOT do is change who is eligible for community service. Nor does the bill change how an individual demonstrates the need to perform community service to the court.

What we seek to do is ensure that, from Modoc to San Diego, everyone who performs community service in lieu of paying an infraction violation fine has the number of hours for community service calculated the same, fair and reasonable way.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2532.

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

Sincerely,

Mailed on June 29, 2018

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August 22, 2018

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 2532, which would require the court to permit a person to perform community service in lieu of paying the total fine for an infraction violation conviction upon making a specified showing of hardship to the court. The bill would also establish a statewide minimum value for an hour of community service to be double the California minimum wage, based on the schedule for an employer who employs 25 or fewer employees, as specified. The bill would further authorize a court by local rule to increase the amount that is credited for each hour of community service performed.

Currently, each court determines its own hourly rate for defendants who perform community service, resulting in different rates throughout the state. This bill is needed to provide a uniform and equitable statewide minimum hourly rate for community service in lieu of payment of infraction fines. By doing so, it would promote access to justice.

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

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2532.

Sincerely,

Mailed on August 22, 2018

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Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California