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May 28, 2008

Hon. Ellen Corbett, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3092
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1876 (de León), as amended April 21, 2008 – Co-sponsor/Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 10, 2008

Dear Senator Corbett:

The Judicial Council is pleased to co-sponsor AB 1876 with the California State Sheriffs' Association. AB 1876 increases accountability and improves the state's oversight of the delivery of security services in the California's trial courts.

Adequate security is critical to ensuring public safety and the appropriate functioning of the courts. Court security services include, but are not limited to, security personnel in the courtrooms, public corridors, entrance screening stations, public access ways, and inmate holding areas, as well as personnel who escort criminal defendants to the courtrooms.

Assembly Bill 1876 increases accountability by standardizing contracting practices by requiring the development of a model template for all the courts and sheriffs to use when entering into memoranda of understanding (MOUs) outlining the costs and responsibilities for providing court security. Standardizing how the local MOUs address the service levels, costs, payment

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arrangements, and deployment of resources of court security will promote more transparency in the delivery of court security services. Assembly Bill 1876 also requires regular reporting of security services and expenditures.

The Judicial Council and the California State Sheriffs' Association are continuing to work cooperatively to improve the quality of court security in the interest of making our courthouses safe places for all Californians.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your "aye" vote on AB 1876.

Sincerely,



(June Clark for DH)

Donna S. Hershkowitz
Assistant Director

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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hon. Kevin de León, Member of the Assembly
Mr. Brent Jamison, Director of Legislation, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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June 19, 2008

Hon. Tom Torlakson, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1876 (de León), as amended April 21, 2008 – Co-sponsor/Support
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee – June 30, 2008

Dear Senator Torlakson:

The Judicial Council is pleased to co-sponsor AB 1876 with the California State Sheriffs' Association. Assembly Bill 1876 increases accountability and improves the state's oversight of the delivery of security services in the California's trial courts. Adequate security is critical to ensuring public safety and the appropriate functioning of the courts.

Assembly Bill 1876 increases accountability by standardizing contracting practices by requiring the development of a model template for all the courts and sheriffs to use when entering into memoranda of understanding (MOUs) outlining the costs and responsibilities for providing court security. Standardizing how the local MOUs address the service levels, costs, payment arrangements, and deployment of resources of court security will promote more transparency in the delivery of court security services. Assembly Bill 1876 also requires regular reporting of security services and expenditures.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your "aye" vote on AB 1876.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna S. Hershkowitz', with a large, sweeping loop extending to the right.

Donna S. Hershkowitz
Assistant Director

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cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
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Mr. Bob Franzoia, Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee
Mr. Brent Jamison, Director of Legislation, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
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