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April 1, 2014

Hon. Katcho Achadjian
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4098
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2195 (Achadjian), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – April 1, 2014

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2195, which amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 256 to allow repeated truancy violations to be referred to the county juvenile traffic court and be heard by a hearing officer, at the discretion of the probation officer, instead of being referred to the juvenile court.

The council supports AB 2195 because it believes truancy issues are more appropriately handled in a less formal, decriminalized setting. By addressing these important cases in the more informal setting of the juvenile traffic court, courts and county probation departments gain expedited access to an early intervention program for children with school attendance problems, without the increased cost or time of a Welfare and Institutions Code §601 filing in the juvenile court, which can lead to a minor being adjudged a ward of the court. In counties where this option is available, the council believes that there will be a wide range of benefits realized, both for the individual minors in question and for the courts as a whole.

Hon. Katcho Achadjian

April 1, 2014

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Herzfeld', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Alan Herzfeld
Associate Attorney

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cc: Mr. Jim Salio, Chief Probation Officer, San Luis Obispo County Probation Department
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor



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August 19, 2014

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

Subject: AB 2195 (Achadjian) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2195, which amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 256 to allow repeated truancy violations to be referred to the county juvenile traffic court and be heard by a hearing officer, at the discretion of the probation officer, instead of being referred to the juvenile court. AB 2195 further sets the circumstances under which such a hearing may take place, and the types of orders that may be issued.

The council supports AB 2195 because it believes truancy issues are more appropriately handled in a less formal, decriminalized setting. By addressing these important cases in the more informal setting of the juvenile traffic court, courts and county probation departments gain expedited access to an early intervention program for children with school attendance problems, without the increased cost or time of a Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 filing in the juvenile court, which can lead to a minor being adjudged a ward of the court. In counties where this option is available, the council believes that there will be a wide range of benefits realized, both for the individual minors in question and for the courts as a whole.

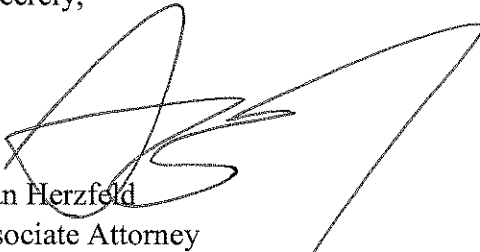
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2195.

Sincerely,



Alan Herzfeld
Associate Attorney

cc: Hon. Katcho Achadjian, Member of the Assembly

Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor