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September 12, 2025

Hon. Rick Chavez Zbur
Member of Assembly, 51st District
1021 O Street, Room 4250
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1084 (Zbur), as amended September 5, 2025—Remove Opposition

Dear Assembly Member Zbur:

The Judicial Council is removing its "oppose" position on Assembly Bill 1084 due to the most recent amendments and appreciates your willingness to work with us to address the previous concerns.

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

Sincerely,

Cory T. Jasperson
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CTJ/HR/ad
cc: Cole Klein, Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly Member Zbur
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May 6, 2025

Hon. Anna M. Caballero, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 2200
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1084 (Zbur), as amended May 1, 2025—Oppose, unless amended
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee (TBD)

Dear Senator Caballero:

The Judicial Council regretfully opposes Assembly Bill 1084, which would streamline processes for specified name changes, including eliminating the mechanism to file an objection to an adult petitioner's change of name to conform to the petitioner's name to the petitioner's gender identity and requiring the court to enter an order granting the petition without a hearing within two weeks of the petition's filing and additionally requiring a change of name to conform a minor petitioner's name to their gender identity signed by all living parents of the minor to be entered within two weeks of the filing of the petition, unless it is amended to remove these two-week requirements.

The Council understands the desire to streamline the process for transgender and nonbinary individuals to receive a court order recognizing their gender change and changing their legal name by shortening the court processing time for uncontested petitions from a minimum of six weeks to a maximum of two weeks, but the two-week requirement is unrealistic and unattainable. Our courts already have heavily impacted calendars which have only been compounded by a bevy of legislatively mandated accelerated calendaring requirements. In addition, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1279.5, the court must run a background check via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) and Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to determine whether or not an applicant for a name change is required to register as a sex offender. Most courts do not have the capability to run these checks themselves and must rely on a local law enforcement agency to fulfill this task and often these checks are not complete within two weeks.

The Judicial Council appreciates the early outreach from the author's office and the bill sponsors to address concerns and we look forward to continuing these productive conversations but for the aforementioned reasons, the Judicial Council is opposed unless amended to AB 1084.

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