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September 5, 2025

Hon. Jesse Arreguín
Member of the Senate, 7th District
1021 O Street, Room 6710
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 786 (Arreguín)—Remove Opposition

Dear Senator Arreguín:

The Judicial Council is removing its “oppose” position on Senate Bill 786 due to your most recent amendments and appreciates your willingness to work with us to address the previous concerns. The council was opposed because SB 786 required a judge to grant temporary relief upon a showing of probable success on the merits in a case litigating general plan compliance, required a court clerk to set a date for a hearing within 15 days and no more than 30 days after the filing of any request, limited the court’s ability to grant a continuance for more than 60 days, and required a court to further manage an ex parte application requesting temporary relief after the 60 days, all of which would have impacted limited court resources.

The council is appreciative of your finding a resolution to the aforementioned budgetary and calendaring concerns and looks forward to working in partnership with you in the years ahead. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Heather Resetarits at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

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cc: Luis Amezcua, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Arreguín
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June 24, 2025

Hon. Matt Haney
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
1020 N Street, Room 156
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 786 (Arreguín), as amended May 1, 2025—Oppose
Hearing: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee—July 2, 2025

Dear Assemblymember Haney:

The Judicial Council opposes Senate Bill 786, because the bill (1) requires—rather than allows—a judge to grant temporary relief upon a showing of probable success on the merits in a case litigating general plan compliance; (2) requires a court clerk to set a date for a hearing within 15 days and no more than 30 days after the filing of any request; (3) limits the court's ability to grant any continuance for more than 60 days, and; (4) requires a court to further manage an ex parte application, requesting temporary relief after the 60 days, all of which impacts limited court resources.

When everything is a priority, nothing is a priority. Placing strict timelines on the judicial branch in this fashion constrains finite staff resources and forces the courts to prioritize some cases over other worthy matters. The branch's judicial officers and court employees are already overwhelmed with managing complicated calendars with myriad cases. As with other legislation that continues to add to the growing list of calendar preferences, SB 786 will likely have an adverse impact on other cases in the courts, including other cases with statutorily mandated calendar preferences, such as juvenile cases, criminal cases, civil cases in which a party is at risk of dying, wage theft cases, and election integrity issues. These equally meritorious case types will likely be pushed to the back of the line and take longer to be adjudicated.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council opposes AB 786.

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