Update on Development: Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts

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Objectives

- Describe the development process
- Identify where we are in the process
- Summarize some of the goals and recommendations of the draft plan
- Describe the next steps in the process
- Answer any questions



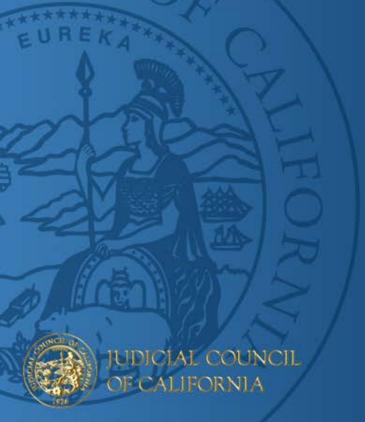
Joint Working Group

- Access and Fairness & CIAP
- Includes:
 - Bench officers & court administrators
 - Court interpreters
 - Education representative
 - Legal aid & public defender representatives



The Planning Process





Information Gathering

From	
California Federation of Interpreters	Presiding Judges and CEO's
Contract Interpreter Organizations	Public / LEP Court Users
Legal Services Providers	Judicial Officers
Healthcare Industry Representative	Court Staff
Education Providers	Court Interpreters
State and National Experts	Attorneys
Legislator	



Goal II

"As soon as it is feasible, but in no event later than 2020, qualified interpreters will be provided in the California courts to LEP court users in all courtroom proceedings and in all court-ordered/courtoperated events."



Major LAP goals

- Establish branchwide standards for provision of language access at all points of contact with the court
 - Identify and improve data collection and early identification of language needs
- Identify training needs throughout the California Judicial Branch
- Build a process to identify and remedy language assistance issues



Identify funding needs

- One time and ongoing funding required
- Legislative support needed
- Statutory and rule changes will also be required



Formal public comment

- Draft LAP released for public comment on July 31, 2014. Available at:
 - http://www.courts.ca.gov/policyadmininvitationstocomment.htm
- Public comment period ends 9/29/14. Courts are encouraged to comment and forward the invitation to others.



Next Steps

- Review of public comment
- Joint Working Group meetings to consider public comment and finalize draft as appropriate
- Presentation of final LAP for adoption by Council in December 2014/early 2015



Discussion



