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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ronald M. George State Office Complex
William C. Vickrey Judicial Council Conference Center
Malcolm M. Lucas Board Room
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor
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Judicial Council of California Language Access Implementation Developments and Initiatives

“Language access is access to justice” — Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

- Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Chair
- Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias, Vice-Chair
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II. Civil Expansion: Strides and Challenges (10:15 – 11:00 a.m.)

California is making major strides in expanding access to interpreters in all civil proceedings; but the courts are still facing new challenges in ensuring both adequate funding for language access services and sufficient numbers of qualified interpreters.

Trial court judicial officers, court administrators, court interpreters, legal services providers and education stakeholders will join in a dialogue or discussion regarding civil expansion efforts, initiatives planned or underway, and existing funding and operational challenges courts face.

III. Technological Solutions (11:00 – 11:50 a.m.)

How can the effective use of the web and other innovative technology solutions help the courts expand and improve access for limited English proficient court users?

During this interactive session, participants will highlight innovative practices that enable courts to provide increased language access.

IV. Perspectives from Beyond the Courtroom (11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Language access services are needed at all points in the court and throughout the legal process. What actions and tools are helping the front-line service providers who support language access services outside of courtrooms (e.g., self-help centers, legal services providers, interpreter educators) to address California's complex language access needs?

This discussion session will include input from trial court administrators, court interpreters, legal services providers, and interpreter educational providers.

V. Public Comment (12:30 – 12:50 p.m.)

The Task Force welcomes input from members of the public.

VI. Next Steps and Closing Remarks (12:50 – 1:00 p.m.)

- Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Chair
 - Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias, Vice-Chair
- Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force

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