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Re: Report to the Legislature: Findings of Extraordinary Circumstances in 2024, as required under Welfare and Institutions Code section 6608.6

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

With the passage of Senate Bill 1034 (Stats. 2022, ch. 880), the Judicial Council is required to report annually to the Legislature the instances in which a court issues a finding of extraordinary circumstances in a sexually violent predator case, including details of those findings. ¹

Judicial Council staff identified one finding of extraordinary circumstances that occurred in 2024, under Welfare and Institutions Code section 6608.6.2 Based on a motion brought by the prosecution in the domicile county, the court found that extraordinary circumstances existed and made the following findings: (1) Under section 6608.6(b)(1), per the declarations of involved parties, an exhaustive search had been conducted with meaningful participation from the participants; (2) under section

¹ See Welf. & Inst. Code, § 6608.6(e).

² All further statutory references are to the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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6608.6(b)(2)(A), at least one alternative county has been provided and that notice was provided to the district attorney of that alternative county of the intention to petition for a finding of extraordinary circumstances; (3) under section 6608.6(b)(3), declarations and testimony showed a community connection to the proposed alternative placement county; and (4) under section 6608.6(b)(4), the district attorney of the proposed alternative placement county had the opportunity to be heard. The court further noted that the domicile county remained a potential placement location and that the Department of State Hospitals is authorized to conduct an expansive search in the alternative county for potential placement locations.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Francine Byrne, Director, Criminal Justice Services, at 415-865-8069 or Francine.byrne@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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