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Honorable Deborah Bowen, Chair
Senate Elections, Reapportionment and
Constitutional Amendments Committee
State Capitol, Room 4040
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 506 (Poochigian), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee –
April 6, 2005

Dear Senator Bowen:

The Judicial Council supports SB 506, which extends existing voter registration confidentiality programs for "Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking" and "Reproductive Health Care Services Providers, Employees, Volunteers, and Patients" to include a public safety official if his or her employer certifies that he or she is a public safety official.

Increased ability to access home address information poses a threat to judges and other public safety officials and their families. An independent judiciary depends on a judge being able to make decisions free from fear of retribution. This bill would provide public safety officials with an important tool to assist in protecting their family's privacy and safety.

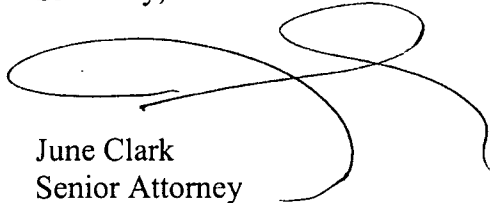
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 506.

Sincerely,

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