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May 11, 2016

Hon. Laurie M. Earl, Co-Chair
Ms. Sherri Carter, Co-Chair
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Revenue and Expenditure Sub-Committee

Re: Funding for the Creation of a Placer Court Hosting Center
Agenda Item 2

Dear Judge Earl, Ms. Carter and Committee Members:

This letter provides comment on Item 2 of the May 13, 2016 Agenda. As you know, in April 2014 the Judicial Council directed the Judicial Council Technology Committee to "develop a plan to eliminate the subsidies from the IMF" for both CCMS V3 and Sustain Justice Edition (also known as Interim Case Management System (ICMS)). The proposal outlined in Agenda Item 2 is that plan, which was adopted by the JCTC at it's April 14, 2016 meeting. JCTC has worked closely with the courts currently using Sustain Justice Edition to develop a plan that is workable, efficient and cost effective to both the Sustain courts and the Branch Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF). We ask that this committee approve the requested actions to support this path forward.

Lake Superior Court uses Sustain Justice Edition and is a "Managed Court" where all IT Services are provided by the California Courts Technology Center (CCTC). In analyzing the best path forward, we have reviewed many options including:

- Remain with the Sustain application and all other Managed Court IT Services provided by CCTC and pay the full costs of these programs at some point in the future.
- Host the Sustain application locally and bring all Managed Court IT services in-house.
- Purchase a new case management system and remain a Managed Court.
- Participate in a consortium of courts where one court would provide both Sustain hosting and other Managed Court IT services currently provided by the CCTC. This option is the creation of the Placer Court Hosting Center (PCHC) described in detail in your materials.

Remaining with the CCTC and local hosting are cost prohibitive options. Estimates show the ongoing costs for services provided by CCTC would increase by more than 46%, once the IMF no longer contributes to the costs of the ICMS program. These estimates will likely increase as additional courts move away from the ICMS and Managed Court programs at the CCTC. Additionally, the court does not have the financial resources or expertise necessary to host Sustain and provide all other Managed Court IT Services locally. As a small rural county, it is extremely difficult to find qualified IT professionals, particularly when only a part-time position is needed.

The other option the court gave serious consideration was purchasing a new case management system. The court is very concerned with the extensive amount of time this option would require to complete. Your materials (pages 31-35) estimate that the IMF nor the courts would realize any savings until Fiscal Year 2021/2022, even with the optimistic assumptions that approval of the Budget Change Proposal would occur in July 2017 and implementations of the new CMS would be complete in October 2019 or November 2021. **With the creation of the Placer Court Hosting Center and the requested one-time funding, the IMF would begin to see relief in Fiscal Year 2019/2020, two years earlier.**

After significant review and analysis, the court determined that establishing the Placer Court Hosting Center (PCHC) is the most efficient and cost effective manner in which to move forward.

Lake Superior Court does not have the funding to address this issue independently. Despite the overall Judicial Branch funding nearly returning to the 2007/2008 levels, Lake Superior Court's Fiscal Year 2015/16 overall funding is approximately 30% less than the 2007/2008 level. While we have been able to set aside a portion of the one-time funding required, without the one-time funding requested, we will be unable to make this transition.

We urge you to approve Requests 1 and 2 under Agenda Item 2. Action needs to be taken as soon as possible so that both the local courts and the IMF may begin to realize the savings projected. We cannot afford to wait.

I can be available any time to answer questions. Thank you for your time and effort in reviewing this complex issue.

Sincerely,

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May 12, 2016

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Modoc Superior Court uses Sustain Justice Edition and is a "Managed Court" where the California Courts Technology Center (CCTC) provides all IT Services. The options we have analyzed in order to move forward include:

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Modoc Superior Court does not have the funding to address this issue independently. Despite the overall Judicial Branch funding nearly returning to the 2007/2008 levels, Modoc Superior Court's overall funding is approximately 25% less than the 2007/2008 level. While we have been able to set aside a portion of the one-time funding required, without the one-time funding requested, we will be unable to make this transition.

We urge you to approve requests 1 and 2 under Agenda Item 2. Action needs to be taken as soon as possible so that both the local courts and the IMF may begin to realize the savings projected. We cannot afford to wait.

I can be available any time to answer questions. Thank you for your time and effort in reviewing this complex issue. I realize that this comment mirrors those of the other hosted courts but all of us are in the same situation and facing the same decisions.

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May 12, 2016

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Re: Sub-Committee Meeting May 13, 2016 - Agenda Item No. 2 -
Funding Request for the Creation of a Placer Court Hosting Center

Dear Judge Earl, Ms. Carter and Members of the Committee,

Please consider this letter as our request for your approval of Requests 1 and 2, Agenda Item 2 of your May 13, 2016 meeting. The Plumas Court adopts the comprehensive comments made by the Lake Superior Court Executive Officer in her letter dated May 11, 2016 as to this history of the managed courts who are currently hosted at the California Courts Technology Center and are using the interim case management solution, Sustain Justice Edition.

Four of the five superior courts hosted at the CTCC (Lake, Modoc, Plumas and San Benito) and two other small superior courts (Sierra and Trinity) are actively pursuing moving their network support and/or current case management system to the Placer Superior Court (also known at the Placer Court Hosting Solution).

To accomplish the goals of keeping each court's technology costs in line with available budget and to provide relief to the IMF, the courts require one time funding assistance to make this transition to the Placer Hosting Solution. Each of the courts has committed some degree of available funding for these one-time costs. The Plumas Court made the commitment in the current fiscal year to leave a position vacant to ensure there would be funds available to contribute to the project.

The Plumas Court respectfully requests you approve Agenda Item 2, Requests 1 and 2. All courts are poised to begin this transition if one-time funding is made available.

Thank you for your time and attention to the difficult issues involved with the IMF deficits. If you have any questions or need additional information, I am available.

Yours truly,

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Re: Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2016 <>
Discussion Item #2

Hon. Laurie M. Earl, Co-Chair and Ms. Sherri Carter, Co-Chair:

In February 2015, the Judicial Council Technology Committee recommended that the Judicial Council consider creating a working group to focus on information technology efficiencies and cost saving measures for smaller courts. The Superior Court of California for San Benito County respectfully suggests that the "Funding Request Creation of Seven Court Information Technology Infrastructure Consortium" (Request) offers an opportunity to achieve such efficiencies and savings within the scope of the proposal described therein. As brief context, please consider this court's perspective on the following factors:

- An ongoing funding shortfall within the IMF and subsequent negative impact on IT related expenditures; and
- The Judicial Council's direction to eliminate subsidies from the IMF and the TCTF to courts for SJE costs; and
- Consecutive and significant reductions to San Benito's base allocation as a result of WAFM adjustments.

As our court cannot control these factors, we have been unable to reduce related IT expenditures with any lasting effect. Equally important, we have been unable to forecast related IT expenditures with any degree of confidence. However, we believe the proposal to create the Placer Court Hosting Center will provide long term savings and stability for our court's IT related expenditures as well as proportionate savings and stability for the IMF. Although this court cannot speak for any other court or agency, we also believe that said proposal is designed to allocate benefits broadly, in the spirit of innovation, collaboration and inclusiveness.

As such, we respectfully ask for your collective consideration and approval of the one-time funding request for FY16-17 and FY17-18 and as mentioned within the Request, this court is open to any option as to how best to provide the funding. If you and/or members of the subcommittee have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Cordially,

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