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September 8, 2020

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2265 (Quirk-Silva) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 2265, which authorizes counties to use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to, among other things: (1) treat a person with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders when the person would be eligible for treatment of the mental health disorder pursuant to the MHSA and (2) assess whether a person has co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and to treat a person who is preliminarily assessed to have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders even when the person is later determined not to be eligible for services provided with MHSA funds.

The Judicial Council supports the bill because the lack of availability of mental health services for those in need is a constant challenge for collaborative justice courts. Yet, the success of individuals participating in collaborative justice court programs depends on appropriate treatment. The council believes that the potential additional funding for mental health services will help address the shortage of those services, which will, in turn, help individuals participating in the collaborative justice courts programs succeed.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2265.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

Sent September 8, 2020

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cc: Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Member of the Assembly
Mr. Anthony Williams, Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California