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June 21, 2022

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

Subject: Assembly Bill 421 (Ward) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 421, which makes technical modifications to statutes enacted via AB 218 (Ward; Stats. 2021, ch. 577) that resulted in inadvertent internal inconsistencies. The focus of AB 421 is to clarify the process related to change of gender and sex identifier petitions filed on behalf of minors, by clarifying which parents or grandparents are required to sign the petition or show cause why the order should not be granted. The bill also contains clarifying language related to the required signatures of spouses on petitions to change an individual's gender or sex identifier on a marriage certificate.

AB 421 presents an opportunity to clarify language enacted in prior legislation that has resulted in procedural and implementation inconsistencies. Of significance to the Judicial Council, with these amendments, council staff will be better able to craft consistent and useful forms to implement the new statutes in the context of petitions seeking to change gender and sex identifiers on vital records.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 421.

Hon. Gavin Newsom

June 21, 2022

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Christopher M. Ward, Member of the Assembly

Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor

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May 26, 2022

Hon. Thomas J. Umberg, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 3240  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 421 (Ward), as amended May 2, 2022 – Support  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – May 31, 2022

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Judicial Council supports AB 421, which makes technical modifications to statutes enacted via AB 218 (Ward; Stats. 2021, ch. 577) that resulted in inadvertent internal inconsistencies. The focus of AB 421 is primarily clarifying the process related to change of gender and sex identifier petitions filed on behalf of minors, clarifying which parents or grandparents are required to sign the petition or show cause why the order should not be granted. The bill also contains clarifying language related to which and when signatures of spouses are required on petitions to change an individual's gender or sex identifier on a marriage certificate.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 421.

Hon. Thomas J. Umberg

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Sincerely,



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May 26, 2022

Hon. Christopher M. Ward  
Assembly Member, District 78  
1021 O Street, Suite 4220  
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Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – May 31, 2022

Dear Assembly Member Ward:

The Judicial Council supports AB 421, which makes technical modifications to statutes enacted via AB 218 (Ward; Stats. 2021, ch. 577) that resulted in inadvertent internal inconsistencies. The focus of AB 421 is primarily clarifying the process related to change of gender and sex identifier petitions filed on behalf of minors, clarifying which parents or grandparents are required to sign the petition or show cause why the order should not be granted. The bill also contains clarifying language related to which and when signatures of spouses are required on petitions to change an individual's gender or sex identifier on a marriage certificate.

AB 421 presents an opportunity to support clarifying language that addresses procedural and implementation inconsistencies enacted in previous legislation. Of significance to the Judicial Council, with these amendments, council staff will be better able to craft consistent and useful forms to implement the new statutes in the context of petitions seeking to change gender and sex identifiers on vital records.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 421.

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

Hon. Christopher M. Ward

May 26, 2022

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andi Liebenbaum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andi" and last name "Liebenbaum" clearly legible.

Andi Liebenbaum

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