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September 5, 2024

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1020 N Street, Room 9000
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2929 (Carrillo), as amended June 27, 2024—Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 2929, which requires the court, in conducting periodic status reviews of a child or nonminor dependent not residing with relatives, to determine whether the social worker has continued efforts to locate any relatives who could provide family support or possible placement because it would support the juvenile court to carry out its statutory and rule of court responsibilities to place children with relatives whenever possible.

California rule of court, [rule 5.637](#) provides that the court must make findings at every hearing when a child has been removed from their parents regarding the efforts of the child welfare or probation agency to exercise due diligence in family finding. These efforts include asking the child, conducting internet research, and for an Indian child, contacting the child's tribe. AB 2929 will conform the statutory provisions with the duties of the court in rule 5.637 and ensure that social workers and probation understand their responsibilities to engage in family finding throughout the time that a child is removed from their parents.

Outcomes for dependent children placed with relatives are much better than those for children placed with unrelated caregivers. They are more likely to experience placement stability, and thus also have better educational and mental health outcomes. Current law is informed by this research and provides that relatives are the preferred placement when a child cannot be safely maintained at home. AB 2929 will support juvenile courts to implement these statutory preferences by providing the court with the best information possible regarding all available relatives of the child.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council strongly supports AB 2929 and requests your signature.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Juan Carrillo, Member of the Assembly, 39th District
Jith Meganathan, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
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June 3, 2024

Hon. Thomas J. Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 3240
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2929 (Carrillo), as introduced—Support

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2929, which requires the court, in conducting periodic status reviews of a child or nonminor dependent not residing with relatives, to determine whether the social worker has continued efforts to locate any relatives who could provide family support or possible placement because it would support the juvenile court to carry out its statutory and rule of court responsibilities to place children with relatives whenever possible.

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June 3, 2024

Hon. Marie Alvarado-Gil
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Room 521
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2929 (Carrillo), as introduced—Support

Dear Senator Alvarado-Gil:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2929, which requires the court, in conducting periodic status reviews of a child or nonminor dependent not residing with relatives, to determine whether the social worker has continued efforts to locate any relatives who could provide family support or possible placement because it would support the juvenile court to carry out its statutory and rule of court responsibilities to place children with relatives whenever possible.

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April 9, 2024

Hon. Alex Lee
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 124
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2929 (Carrillo), as introduced February 15, 2024—Support

Dear Assembly Member Lee:

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