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TO: Judge Charles McCoy, LA County Presiding Judge John A. Clarke, executive officer, LA County Superior Court

Los Angeles County court employees represented by SEIU 721 applaud and thank the judicial officers for creating the Contributions for Access and Retention of Employees fund. Judges' voluntary contributions to the CARE fund will help support court employees during the financial crisis.

Judges and court staff are a team working together to deliver the highest-quality service to the public. Every day business, families and public safety depend on the courts for fast, efficient justice. We work in California's busiest courts, and when they close the public suffers.

The financial crisis has battered California's most vulnerable residents. As employees, we see that suffering up close: people seeking help from foreclosure, parents who need child support and victims of domestic violence who need safety. We are doing more with less to limit the impact on our civil and criminal justice systems. But because of the court closures, families may move one step closer to eviction, small businesses may lose precious time in a ruthless market, and detainees in our overcrowded jails may wait longer for justice.

The CARE fund is a symbol of our shared commitment to equal justice for all Californians. We pledge to work together with LA County's judges and other court employees to reopen our courts and serve the public proudly every day. Thank you.

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