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- TO: All Interested Parties
- RE: Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Trial Court Budget Development Process

Under rule 10.101 of the California Rules of Court, the Judicial Council is required to establish responsible fiscal priorities that best enable the judiciary to achieve its goals and to develop the budget of the judiciary based upon these priorities and the needs of the courts. At its February 23, 2007, business meeting, the Judicial Council will meet to consider statewide priority areas for one-time or ongoing increases to the trial courts' budget for fiscal year (FY) 2007–2008.

As part of the FY 2007–2008 budget development process, the Administrative Office of the Courts is seeking input from the public, court administration, employee organizations, and other advisory groups on statewide funding priorities for the trial courts for FY 2007–2008.

Last year, the council approved \$ 5 million for the following statewide budget priorities for trial courts in FY 2006–2007:

- Self Help Center Funding for Trial Courts; and
- Trial Court Staffing and Operating Expenses for New Facilities.

Please submit your suggestions to Marcia Caballin by e-mail at <u>marcia.caballin@jud.ca.gov</u> no later than <u>Monday, January 29</u> in order for this information to be considered.

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