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RE: Invitation to Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-Funded Programs to Participate in Budget and Legislative Session

Dear Executive Directors of Legal Services Organizations:

Please consider this my request that representatives from California's Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded programs provide, in written and/or oral form, information and input on bills and budget proposals regarding: child welfare and dependency law; immigration legal and supportive services; CalWORKs and other TANF related programs; CalFresh and other anti-hunger programs; adult protective services and other aging related programs; IHSS; SSI/SSP; homelessness services; domestic violence prevention and services; and matters impacting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Please share comments with my office, the Senate Human Services Committee, other Senators, Assembly members, state legislative and budget staff, the Governor of California, and the executive branch. Please also share your

comments at public hearings. California's LSC-funded programs have unique legal, policy, and practical experience regarding issues faced by their client communities and the policies that are needed to address them as they relate to the human services policy area.

My office and the Senate Human Services Committee will share the programs' communication with other legislators, legislative and budget staff, committees, agencies, the Governor of California, and the executive branch as we deem appropriate.

We understand that the LSC-funded programs in California are:

- Bay Area Legal Aid
- California Indian Legal Services
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
- Central California Legal Services
- Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance
- Inland Counties Legal Services
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Community Legal Aid SoCal
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
- Legal Services of Northern California
- Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

Thank you for providing this important information for the 2021-2022 Budget and Legislative Session.

Sincerely,



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