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Re: Invitation to Legal Service Organizations to Participate in the State Budget Process

Dear Legal Aid Program Executive Directors:

Please consider this an official request for representatives from California's Legal Services Corporations (LSC) funded programs to provide information and input to the California Legislature regarding the 2020-21 Budget. This input can be provided in written and/or oral form.

Should your staff share information with my office directly, my office will share the communication with other legislative staff, committee, agencies and the executive branch as we deem appropriate.

My intention is that this request for information and feedback be encompassing of all legal aid programs in the state, including the LSC funded programs. I 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 Community Legal Aid SoCal Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance Inland County Legal Services
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
Legal Services of Northern California
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

Thank you for providing important information to help us shape the 2020-21 Budget and for your continued work to serve vulnerable Californians.

Sincerely,

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