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**Re: Invitation to Legal Service Organizations to Participate in Budget**

Dear Executive Directors of legal aid programs:

Please consider this an official request that representatives from California's Legal Services Corporations (LSC) – funded programs provide, in written and/or oral form, to my office information and input regarding the 2025-26 Budget.

The information provided can either be in writing or in oral form. My office will share the programs' communication with other legislative staff, committee, agencies and the executive branch as we deem appropriate.

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

Bay Area Legal Aid	Inland County Legal Services
California Indian Legal Services	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
Central California Legal Services	Legal Services of Northern California
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles
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Thank you for providing important information on this budget and legislative session.

Sincerely,

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