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Re: Invitation to Legal Service Organizations to Participate in Budget

Dear Executive Directors of legal aid programs:

Please consider this a request from Senator Laird that representatives from California's Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded programs provide, in written and/or oral form, to my office and members of the budget committee if an invitation to speak at a hearing information and input regarding the state budget. Please submit comment by the online portal when required by the committee.

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
California Indian Legal Services
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
Central California Legal Services
Community Legal Aid SoCal

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

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance

Thank you for providing important information on this budget and legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Laird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

John Laird
Senator, 17th District

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