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

Dear Executive Directors of legal aid programs:

I am writing to invite information and feed-back from representatives of California's Legal Services Corporations (LSC) funded programs for all items in the Governor's Proposed Budget and any additional proposals brought forth by Legislators and other entities relating to poverty, public benefits, housing, immigration, environment, health, access to justice, and other matters that impact low income Californians.

The information provided can either be in writing or in oral form, and it should be shared with my immediate office and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and subcommittees. My office and the Senate and Budget and Fiscal Review committee may share this information with other legislators, their staff, committees, 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. Legal Aid Society of Orange County Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. Central California Legal Services Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance Inland County Legal Services Legal Services of Northern California Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

Thank you for providing important information on the 2019-20 Budget Act.

Sincerely,

Holly J. Mitchell Senator, 30th District

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