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Hon. Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California
Members of the Judicial Council of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Emergency Court Funding Solution

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Members of the Judicial Council:

On behalf of the officers, staff, and members of The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), I want to commend you for approving emergency funding for the San Francisco Superior Court at last Friday's Judicial Council meeting. This funding, along with the resources held by the San Francisco Superior Court ("SFSC"), will help the SFSC to continue employing one hundred people who are critical to the judicial administration process for access to justice, and will provide for 11 civil courtrooms to remain open to serve the people of San Francisco County. We truly appreciate the hard work and the diligence of the Judicial Council in helping find a solution for the SFSC, and we recognize the extraordinary effort that it took on the part of all members of the Council, as well as the AOC, to have this matter heard and decided on such short notice.

Over the past seven weeks, the officers of BASF, along with numerous BASF members, have worked diligently with members of the Judicial Council, officials of the Administrative Office of the Courts, employees in the State Bar, the leadership of San Francisco Superior Court, and others, to collaborate on workable solutions to the San Francisco court's funding crisis. Please know that BASF is committed to continue to collaborate with these groups and other associations throughout the state to achieve long-term solutions to the state courts' funding crisis.

With the unanimous vote on Friday by the Judicial Council to loan San Francisco Superior Court \$2.5 million, we are most grateful that the efforts of so many people have lead to a short-term solution for our local court.

We give our most sincere thanks to all of you for your leadership and support.

With Warm Regards,

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