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**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

June 2, 2015

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Chair, California Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 879 (Burke) Juveniles Court Proceeding Notification – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairwoman Jackson:

The County of San Bernardino supports AB 879, which would allow counties, the courts, and individuals to opt-in to an electronic notice system for notices of scheduled court hearings.

Under existing law, child welfare agencies have only 72 hours to bring a case to court and the hearing notice must be either verbal or written. For dependency hearings, the child welfare agency can give notice through first class mail, if the child was not removed from parental custody and the parents were at the hearing. In addition, for statutory review hearings, existing law allows for notice via first class mail, however, under certain circumstances it requires personal service and first class mail must be used. In many cases regular mail does not always result in the notice to the intended recipient. In urban counties this is particularly difficult due to the volume of cases that are heard in counties every day.

AB 879 would allow for notice through electronic mail which could help to increase the successful delivery of notice to persons who lack a permanent address.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully requests a “Yes” vote on AB 879. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Autumn Burke  
Members and Consultants, Senate Judiciary  
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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