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The Honorable Bill Emerson  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 848 (Emmerson)** – As Introduced 2/18/11- **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Emmerson:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 848. This legislation would reorganize the Courts of Appeal districts into seven districts, by removing the Counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and Inyo form the 4<sup>th</sup> Appellate District and creating a 7<sup>th</sup> Appellate District consisting of those districts.

The Inland Empire is one of the fastest growing regions in California, and has a unique and pressing need for additional judicial resources at both the trial and appellate court levels. According to the 2010 census, San Bernardino County alone grew faster than nearly every other area in the Southland during the past decade. In fact, our County saw a 19.1 percent population increase, reaching 2 million people over the past 10 years. Conversion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Appellate District, Division 2<sup>nd</sup>, into the 7<sup>th</sup> Appellate District will remove an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy standing between Division Two and the people of the Inland Empire.

In 2000, the Appellate Process Task Force, comprised of distinguished members of the legal community, agreed that it was appropriate to create a new appellate district and found it would be in the “best interests of the proper administration of justice.” Passage of Senate Bill 848 would ensure that counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Inyo would be adequately represented in the appellate court system.

For these reasons, San Bernardino County supports SB 848. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280. The County of San Bernardino thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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