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Honorable Bruce A. Clark
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Ventura County Hall of Justice
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Comment on 2000-2001 Ventura County Grand Jury Report
Recommendation R-2 Regarding Court Reporter Transcription Fees

Dear Judge Clark:

This letter is submitted pursuant to Penal Code section 933(c) to provide comment on the Ventura County Grand Jury report regarding court reporter transcription fees. Our office has been requested to respond to Grand Jury Recommendation R-2 on court reporter transcription fees. Recommendation R-2 states that "[t]he District Attorney should work closely with the CAO [sic] to provide the earliest possible notification of exceptionally large cases to allow time for sufficient budget adjustments and funding for the Trial Court Funding account."

Comment:

Concur. Our office attorney staff will continue to follow our long-standing instructions to report to supervisors and management staff at the earliest possible moment any exceptionally large cases which can have significant budgetary impacts. When such cases do arise, we will continue to work closely with the CEO and will provide the CEO



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with the earliest possible notification so that the CEO can make appropriate budget adjustments to provide funding for the Trial Court Funding account pursuant to Grand Jury Recommendation R-1 regarding payments for court reporter transcription fees.

Very truly yours,



MICHAEL D. BRADBURY
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pc: Members, Board of Supervisors
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