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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 23-096 For business meeting on: May 12, 2023

Title

Juvenile Law: Sex Offender Registration Termination

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected Adopt forms JV-915, JV-917, JV-918;

approve forms JV-915-INFO and JV-916

Recommended by Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey, Cochair Hon. Amy M. Pellman, Cochair Agenda Item Type Action Required

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Executive Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of three mandatory forms and the approval of two optional forms to be used to petition the juvenile court for termination of sex offender registration for persons required to register as sex offenders as a result of a juvenile adjudication and commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. All five forms are adapted from existing forms that were approved by the council for use in criminal courts that became effective July 1, 2021.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 1, 2023:

1. Adopt Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-915), Response by District Attorney to Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-917), and Order on Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-918) to assist the courts in processing petitions to terminate sex offender registration as a result of a juvenile adjudication.

2. Approve Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-950-INFO) and Proof of Service—Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination (form JV-916) as optional forms to assist petitioners in seeking to terminate sex offender registration for juvenile adjudications.

The proposed forms are attached at pages 6-15.

Relevant Previous Council Action

At its meeting on March 12, 2021, the Judicial Council adopted and approved five analogous criminal forms to support the termination of sex offender registration for those required to register as a result of criminal convictions, which became effective on July 1, 2021.

Analysis/Rationale

Background

Senate Bill 384 (Stats. 2022, ch. 811), effective January 1, 2021, has converted sex offender registration from a lifetime requirement to a tier-based registration system with a minimum registration time period. Sex offender registration for youth adjudicated in juvenile court is required only for those who are committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice, and the minimum time period is either 5 or 10 years, depending on the registrable offense. The California Department of Justice will designate tiers for all current registrants and will notify the registering law enforcement agency of the designation. As of July 1, 2021, registrants have been able to petition the court in the county of registration to terminate the registration requirement if the registrant has been registered for the minimum required time and meets other criteria. The district attorney (DA) may request a hearing if the DA believes that the person does not meet the requirements or that community safety would be enhanced by the person's continued registration. Penal Code section 290.5, effective July 1, 2021, outlines the procedure and requirements for the petition process. On March 12, 2021, the Judicial Council adopted three mandatory criminal forms and approved two optional forms to be used for this purpose, but those forms cannot be used in juvenile cases because of the differences in the statutory requirements and terminology.¹ The forms recommended here parallel those criminal case forms.

Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-915)

Form JV-915 allows petitioner or counsel to (1) indicate that petitioner has met the requirements for termination under Penal Code section 290.5(a), including proof of current registration; that petitioner has no pending charges that could extend the time to complete the registration requirements of petitioner's tier or change petitioner's status; and that petitioner is not in custody

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Criminal Forms: Sex Offender Registration Termination* (Feb. 11, 2021), *https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9183000&GUID=C952EF51-7DC9-4D06-8519-CF6CCC9811D1*.

and not on parole, probation, postconviction supervised release, or any other form of supervised release; (2) identify petitioner's tier designation and indicate whether petitioner has registered for the minimum number of years for that tier designation, as required under Penal Code section 290.008; (3) provide information on any previously filed and denied petitions so the served parties and the court are aware of any time restrictions on filing a subsequent petition under Penal Code section 290.5(a)(4); and (4) identify the law enforcement agencies that the petition was served on and the method of service, to indicate compliance with the service requirements of Penal Code section 290.5(a)(2).

Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-915-INFO)

Form JV-915-INFO is an information sheet that provides background on eligibility for relief, tier designation, tolling of the registration period, and the petition process.

Proof of Service—Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination (form JV-916)

Form JV-916 is designed to assist a petitioner in documenting all required service on law enforcement and the district attorney, as required under Penal Code section 290.5(a)(2).

Response by District Attorney to Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-917)

This form allows the district attorney to provide a response to a petition, which may be to indicate no objection to the petition, object because of community safety, object because the petitioner is ineligible, or request a summary denial and state the reason. It is being proposed as a mandatory form that would be filed in all cases.

Order on Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-918)

Form JV-918 allows the court to take one or more of the following actions: (1) grant the request to terminate sex offender registration under Penal Code section 290 et seq.; (2) summarily deny the request based on petitioner's ineligibility; (3) deny the request after hearing based on a finding that community safety would be significantly enhanced by petitioner's continued registration or because petitioner did not meet the requirements of Penal Code section 290(e); (4) indicate that its findings after hearing are either stated on the record or in writing in the order; and (5) state the time period after which the petitioner may file another petition.

Policy implications

The proposed forms will implement SB 384, which establishes three tiers of sex offender registration based on specified criteria and a petition process to request termination from the registry upon completion of a mandated minimum registration period under specified conditions. Judicial Council forms were adopted in 2021 for criminal court use, but juvenile courts have requested that forms be made available for the relatively smaller number of juveniles who have been required to register as sex offenders. Providing a structured process with mandatory forms that mirror the forms adopted for criminal court use in 2021 would promote statewide consistency and provide a road map that courts can follow for clear compliance with SB 384.

Comments

This proposal was circulated for public comment from December 9, 2022, to January 20, 2023, as part of the Winter 2023 rules and forms comment cycle. Two organizations and two superior courts submitted comments on this proposal. All commenters agreed with the proposal, but commenters disagreed about whether the proposed forms should be made optional or mandatory. A chart with the full text of the comments received and the committees' responses is attached at pages 16-19.

Comments on whether to make the proposed forms mandatory

The commenters disagreed on whether the proposed forms should be made optional or mandatory. Riverside Superior Court has drafted its own local forms, but indicated that it could transition to the proposed forms, San Diego Superior Court indicated a preference for optional forms, and the Orange County Bar Association suggested the proposed forms be made mandatory for state-wide consistency. The committee concluded that consistency was important in this case, and sought to align these forms with the parallel criminal court forms, which are mandatory.

Comment on requiring that JV-915 form be signed under penalty of perjury

The Superior Court of San Diego County noted that form CR-415 must be signed under penalty of perjury in criminal court and asked the committee to consider whether the analogous JV-915 form should likewise be signed under the penalty of perjury. The committee considered this option, but since form JV-915 may be signed by the attorney or the petitioner, it determined that it was preferable not to include a requirement that the forms be signed under penalty of perjury. The committee also noted that a response from law enforcement must be filed indicating whether the petitioner is eligible for termination of registration so the court will not be relying on the declarations of the petitioner alone in evaluating the petition.

Comment on modifying JV-915-INFO form

The Superior Court of San Diego County brought to our attention that JV-915-INFO, item 7 needed to be corrected because information from a juvenile case is confidential and thus cannot be accessed online or at a public kiosk. The form has been revised accordingly to reflect that information on the case can be obtained in person at the courthouse, and that the response form is required to be filed on the petitioner or their attorney.

Alternatives considered

The committee considered recommending all the forms—not just the information form and the proof of service form—as optional in case any courts wish to retain local forms that they created as an alternative to the mandatory forms but determined that mandatory forms would be preferable for statewide consistency based on the comments received. The committee also considered taking no action to assist those required to register for juvenile adjudications but determined that, although the volume of these cases is not high, the procedure is challenging and the courts and registrants would benefit from the adoption of standardized forms.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The volume of petitions for termination of juvenile sex offender registration under Penal Code section 290.5 is anticipated to be relatively small because of the narrow group of offenders who are required to register as juvenile offenders. Moreover, with the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice, after June 30, 2023, no youth adjudicated in juvenile court will be required to register. Despite this smaller pool of petitioners, juvenile courts have requested access to forms to assist them with the juvenile requests for termination. The proposed forms are intended to mitigate workload burdens by streamlining some of this process. Expected costs include training, case management system updates, and the production of new forms.

Attachments and Links

- 1. Forms JV-915, JV-915-INFO, JV-916, JV-917, and JV-918, at pages 6-15
- 2. Chart of comments, at pages 16-19
- 3. Link A: Senate Bill 384 (Stats. 2022, ch. 811)
- 4. Link B: Pen. Code, § 290.5, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=290.5.&law Code=PEN
- 5. Link C: Pen. Code, § 290.008, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=290.008.&l awCode=PEN

Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex **JV-915 Offender Registration** Before using this form, read Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-915-INFO). • Petitioner must continue to register as a sex offender until a court terminates the registration requirement. • A copy of the filed petition and proof of current registration (available at the registering law enforcement agency) must be served on the proper law

enforcement agencies and district attorney offices. Proof of service must be filed with the court (you may use Proof of Service-Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination (form JV-916), available at www.courts.ca.gov/forms). The petition may be denied if service is not

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Superior Court of California, County of

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Fill in court name and street address:

complete.

1) Petitioner's Informati	on
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a.	Name:				———— Court fills in case number when form is filed.
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b.	Attorne	y representing p	petitioner (if any)		
	Attorne	y Name:			
	Firm: _				
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c. Contact information (IMPORTANT: You may be contacted about this matter at the address, phone, or email listed below. Contact the court immediately if your contact information changes):

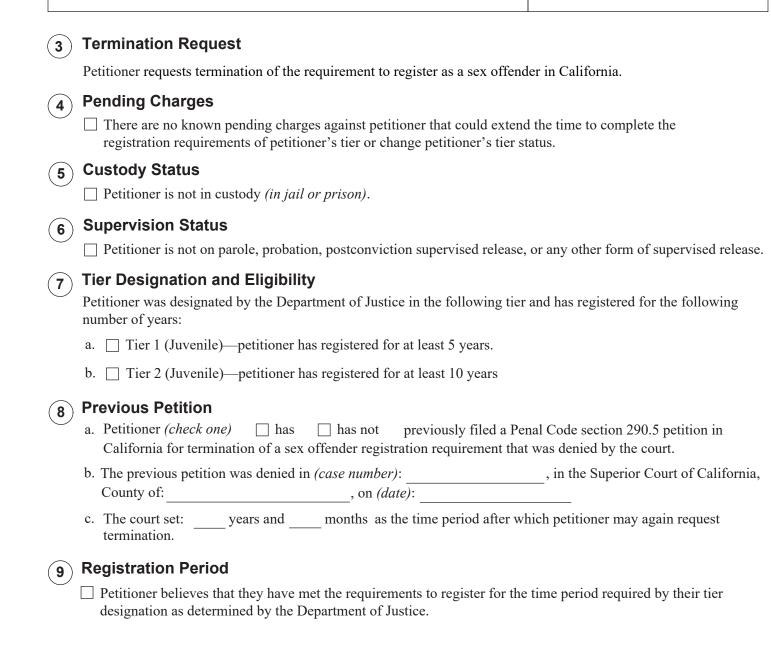
Check if attorney's contact information

Street			
			Phone:
City	State	Zip	
Email (<i>if available</i>):			Petitioner or attorney agrees to email communication.

d. If there is a hearing, petitioner requests an interpreter in *(language)*:

Registration Status and Information 2

- a. Petitioner is **currently registered** as a sex offender in California in the County of:
- b. Court in which petitioner was convicted of an offense requiring sex offender registration in California (e.g., specific California superior court, federal district court, military court, other state court) and the case number for the conviction, if known, are:
- c. This petition is being filed after the expiration of petitioner's mandated minimum registration period.
- d. Proof of current registration is attached (available at the registering law enforcement agency).



Date:

Printed name of petitioner or attorney

Signature of petitioner or attorney

JV-915-INFO

Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration

1 General Information

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- You must continue to register as a sex offender until a court grants your request to terminate the registration requirement.
- You may be required to register as a sex offender in another jurisdiction even if your requirement to register in California is terminated.
- Do not file evidence that shows proof of rehabilitation unless requested by the court after the petition is filed.
- Form JV-915 and proof of current registration may only be filed following the expiration of your mandated minimum registration period.
- This information sheet is for terminating registration based on adjudications in juvenile court. It does not address registration based on criminal convictions.
- Proof of current registration is available at the registering law enforcement agency.
- It is very important that you provide a reliable mailing address on form JV-915 so that the district attorney and court can reach you. Contact the court immediately if your mailing address changes.

2 Am I eligible for relief under Penal Code section 290.5?

You *may be* eligible to petition for relief under Penal Code section 290.5 if:

- You are required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290 et seq.; *and*
- You have registered for the minimum time period for your assigned tier.

3 Which tier am I? How is my tier determined?

• Your tier is based on the offense for which you were adjudicated and committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice. The Department of Justice will determine tier placement for all current registrants and will notify the law enforcement agency where you register. Registrants may request a tier notification letter from the registering law enforcement agency.

- Upon being adjudicated for a registrable offense, your minimum required registration period begins on the date you were released from the Division of Juvenile Justice.
- Any misdemeanor conviction for failure to register extends the minimum time period by one year, without regard to the actual time served in custody for the conviction. Any felony conviction for failure to register extends the minimum time period by three years, without regard to the actual time served in custody for the conviction.
- If the minimum registration period has not been tolled or extended, you are eligible for relief after you have registered for the following time periods:

	You must have registered
If you are	for at least
Tier 1 (Juvenile)	5 years
Tier 2 (Juvenile)	10 years

Are there any other requirements besides registering for my tier's minimum time period?

If you are assessed as Tier 1 or Tier 2, you are eligible to petition for relief only upon reaching the end of the minimum registration period, and only if *all of* the following are true:

- You are not the subject of pending criminal charges that could extend the time to complete the registration requirements of the tier or change the tier status;
- You are not in custody;
- You are not on parole, probation, postconviction supervised release, or any other form of supervised release;
- You have not been convicted of a new offense requiring sex offender registration since your release from custody following your adjudication for the offense originally giving rise to your duty to register; and
- You have not been convicted of a new offense described in Penal Code section 667.5(c) since your release from custody upon adjudication for the offense originally giving rise to your duty to register.

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5 At the end of my minimum period of registration, where and how do I file my petition and proof of current registration with the court?

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You may file form JV-915 and proof of current registration as a sex offender, which you can get from the registering law enforcement agency, in the juvenile court in the county where you register. If you register with more than one law enforcement agency (for example, campus registration or additional residence address), you must file the petition and proof of current registration in the county of your primary residence.

- Make a copy of the completed form JV-915 and proof of current registration for each law enforcement agency and district attorney's office you (or someone on your behalf) must serve.
- Contact the court clerk or check the court's website to see if any local rules exist regarding filing or service of the petition and proof of current registration and ask how you can receive proof of filing.
- File form JV-915 and proof of current registration by:
 - Taking them to the court clerk in person;
 - Mailing them to the court; or
 - Depending on the court's local rules and practices, filing them electronically.

6 Who else gets a copy of the petition and proof of current registration, and how?

After form JV-915 and proof of current registration are filed with the court, you or someone on your behalf must deliver a copy of the petition and the proof of current registration to:

- The law enforcement agency with which you currently register; and
- The district attorney in the county in which you currently register.

If you were adjudicated of a registrable offense in a county other than where you currently reside or register, the petition and proof of current registration must also be delivered to the law enforcement agency and the district attorney of the county of conviction of the registrable offense. *Example:* If you were adjudicated for a registrable offense in Los Angeles County but register in Orange County, you or someone on your behalf must serve the law enforcement agency and the district attorney's office in both counties.

Contact every agency that must be served to check if there is a specific person or mailing address that should receive the petition and proof of current registration. If the agencies do not get a copy, they will not be able to provide the information the court needs to consider your request, and the court may deny the request or delay its decision until it receives this information.

There are three main ways to serve the petition and proof of current registration (use *Proof of Service—Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination* (form JV-916) to guide you on the information you need to report back to the court about how and when the petition was served):

- **Personal service:** You may serve the petition and proof of current registration or ask someone else to do it. Go in person to hand-deliver the petition and proof of current registration to a representative of the law enforcement agency and district attorney's office during business hours. This is the most reliable form of service.
- Service by mail: Place copies of the petition and proof of current registration in a stamped, sealed envelope addressed to the law enforcement agency and district attorney's office. Put first-class postage on the envelope and mail it by depositing the envelope with the U.S. Postal Service or at an office or business mail drop where the mail is picked up every day and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service.

Alternatively, you may mail the documents by certified mail with a return receipt requested.

• Electronic service: Contact the law enforcement agency and district attorney's office to check if they accept electronic service and, if so, how to confirm receipt of service. The court may require proof of consent and proof of electronic service. You can use *Consent to Electronic Service and Notice of Electronic Service Address* (form EFS-005-CV) and *Proof of Electronic Service* (form EFS-050), available at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. Your petition may be denied if all law enforcement agencies and district attorney offices required to be served are not served. When service is complete, you or the person who served the documents on your behalf must fill out *Proof of Service—Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination* (form JV-916) and file it with the court.

7 Time frame for court's decision

The court will not make a decision until it hears from the law enforcement agency and the district attorney. This may take four months or longer.

- The law enforcement agency has 60 days from receipt of the petition to report on your eligibility to the court and district attorney. The law enforcement agency may request more time if it discovers a conviction not previously considered by the Department of Justice.
- The district attorney may request a hearing within 60 days after receiving the eligibility report from law enforcement.

Once you file your petition and proof of current registration and the court gives you a case number, you can see whether the court has received and filed any responses from the law enforcement agency and the district attorney's office by going in person to the juvenile court to request access to your paper file. The district attorney will also serve a copy of its response on you or your attorney.

The court may grant your request, deny your request, or set the request for a hearing if one is requested by the district attorney. The court will notify you or your attorney if a hearing is set.

8 Hearing

The district attorney in the county where the petition is filed may request a hearing if the district attorney does not believe you have registered for the minimum time period required or if they believe that you should continue registering for community safety. If the court must decide at the hearing whether you should continue to register for community safety, the court will make its decision by reviewing the facts of your case, your conduct before and after the conviction, and your current risk of sexual or violent re-offense, among other factors. If the district attorney does not request a hearing, the court must grant the petition for termination if (1) you provided proof of current registration, (2) the registering law enforcement agency reported that you met the requirements for termination, (3) there are no pending charges against you that could extend the time to complete the registration requirements of the tier or change your tier status, and (4) you are not in custody or on parole, probation, or supervised release.

(9) Subsequent petition

If the court denies your request, it will let you know how much time must pass before you can make the request again. That period must be at least one year from date of denial, but may not exceed five years, based on facts presented at the hearing.

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Proof of Service—Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Termination

Instructions

- This form is for providing proof that a copy of a filed *Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form JV-915) and proof of current registration were served (delivered) to the required law enforcement agencies and district attorney offices. Read *Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form JV-915-INFO) for more information.
- The person who serves (delivers) a document or form in this case and who fills out this form must be at least 18 years old.
- This form is for proof of service by mail or personal delivery. For proof of electronic service, read and follow rule 2.251 of the California Rules of Court, and use *Proof of Electronic Service* (form POS-050/EFS-050).
- File a completed form with the court. Keep a copy of this form for your records.

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Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number:

Case Number:

1 At the time I served *Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form JV-915) and proof of current registration, I was at least 18 years old.

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3 I served copies of *Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form-915) and proof of current registration filed *(check one)*:

 \Box for myself \Box on behalf of *(name of petitioner)*:

(4) I mailed or personally delivered a filed-stamped copy of *Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form JV-915) and proof of current registration to the agencies listed below:

a. Registering law enforcement agency

Name of agency:				
Address:				
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Response by District Attorney to
Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex
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2	Re	esponse			Court fills in case number when form is filed.
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	d.	This response has been serv	ved on the petitioner of	or counsel at the addre	ess stated on the petition.

Printed name, office address, and phone number of district attorney/district attorney's representative

Date:

Signature of district attorney/district attorney's representative

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Order on Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration

Petitioner's Name:	Not appr the Judicia
Birthdate:CSAR Petition No.:	JV-918.v5.(
Name of attorney representing petitioner (<i>if any</i>):	_
Mailing address:	Fill in court name and stre
Street	Superior Court of Ca
City State Zip	
Email:	
☐ The court GRANTS the petition to terminate the sex offender registration requirement under Penal Code section 290 et seq.	
	Case Number:
The court SUMMARILY DENIES the petition to terminate the sex offender registration requirement because <i>(check all that apply and</i>)	
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Order on Petition to Terminate Juvenile **Sex Offender Registration**

Petitioner Name:	Case Number:

• c. Detitioner may not file another petition for termination for years (must be between one to five years) from the date of denial, for the following reasons:

Date:

Signature of Judicial Officer

To the court: Notify the Department of Justice, California Sex Offender Registry, when a petition for termination from the registry is granted, denied, or summarily denied. If the petition is denied after hearing, the court must also state the time period after which the person can file a new petition for termination. The court may notify the department through electronic reporting or by mail (California Sex Offender Registry, P.O. Box 903387, Sacramento, CA 94203-3780).

This is a Court Order.

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Juvenile Law: Sex Offender Registration Termination (Adopt forms JV-915, JV-917, JV-918; approve forms JV-915-INFO and JV-916)

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	Commenter	Position	Comment	Committee Response
1.	Orange County Bar Association By Michael A. Gregg, President	А	The proposal appropriately addresses the stated purpose.	The committee appreciates the agreement with the proposal.
			Adoption of mandatory forms should not result in significant disruption of existing court processes where local forms have been adopted.	The committee concurs and is recommending that the petition, response, and order forms all be adopted as mandatory forms.
2.	Pacific Juvenile Defender Center By Brooke Harris, Executive Director and Laurel Arroyo, President	А	We write with comments related to the proposed adoption of forms JV-915, JV-917, JV918, and the approval of forms JV-915-INFO and JV-916.	The committee appreciates the review of the proposal.
			The Pacific Juvenile Defender Center (PJDC) was founded in 1999 as an affiliate of the National Juvenile Defender Center (now the Gault Center) with an overall mission to promote justice for all youth by ensuring excellence in juvenile defense and advocating for systemic reforms to the delinquency system. Today, PJDC has a membership of over 1,600 defenders and advocates across California. To further its mission, PJDC engages its members through training and technical assistance, communications and outreach, research, and policy and legal reform.	No response required.
			We support the adoption and approval of all proposed forms, and appreciate the hard work of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to create and amend these forms, as we believe they will provide essential guidance to the Court.	The committee appreciates the support for the proposal and has moved the proposal forward with minimal revisions.

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3.	Superior Court of Riverside County A By Susan Ryan, Chief Deputy Legal Services	Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose? Yes, the proposal does seem to address additional aspects of AB 153 that were not addressed by last year's proposal, namely Judicial Council forms for juvenile court.	The committee appreciates the support for this proposal to provide forms for juvenile sex offenders to terminate registration.	
			Would making forms JV-915, JV-917, and JV-918 mandatory result in significant disruption of existing court processes because of the adoption of local forms? While Riverside Superior Court did adopt local forms for use in juvenile courts, switching over to use the new mandatory Judicial Council forms would not result in a significant disruption of existing processes.	The committee was pleased to hear that the transition to using statewide mandatory forms would not be disruptive as it has concluded that the benefits of consistency of practice weigh in favor of a mandatory petition, response, and order.
			Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so, please quantify. No cost savings.	The committee concurs that the proposal will not likely be cost saving.
			What would the implementation requirements be for courts-for example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems? 2-4 hours of training. Procedures that were created last year will need to be revised. New codes in the case management system would need to be created for the new forms. Judges, court staff and agencies would need to be informed of the new forms and	The committee notes these impacts and will report them to the council.

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			existing local forms that were created would need to be revoked.	
			Would 4 months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?? Yes	The committee is pleased to hear that the new forms can be implemented by September 1, 2023.
			How will would this proposal work in courts of different sizes? This would likely work the same for courts of any size.	The committee concurs that these forms will work in courts of all sizes.
4.	Superior Court of San Diego County By Mike Roddy, Executive OfficerAM	• Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose? Yes.	The committee appreciates the support for this proposal to provide forms for juvenile sex offenders to terminate registration.	
			• Would making forms JV-915, JV-917, and JV- 918 mandatory result in a significant disruption of existing court processes because of the adoption of local forms? The San Diego Superior Court would prefer that the forms be made optional.	The committee considered this preference but ultimately concluded that the benefits of statewide consistency weighed in favor of mandatory forms for this purpose.
			• Would the proposal provide cost savings? No.	The committee concurs that the proposal will not likely be cost saving.
			• What would the implementation requirements be for courts—for example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems? Revise current process; train judges and staff.	The committee notes these impacts and will report them to the council.

Positions: A = Agree; AM = Agree if modified; N = Do not agree; NI = Not indicated.

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		• Would four months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation? Yes.	The committee is pleased to hear that the new forms can be implemented by September 1, 2023.
		• How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes? It should work in courts of different sizes.	The committee concurs that these forms will work in courts of all sizes.
		The CR-415 is signed under penalty of perjury. Consider whether the JV-915 should be as well.	The committee did consider this option, but as the form can be signed by the attorney or the petitioner, it determined that it was preferable not to include a requirement that the forms be signed under penalty of perjury. The committee also notes that a response from law enforcement must be filed indicating whether the petitioner is eligible for termination of registration so the court will not be relying on the declarations of the petitioner alone in evaluating the petition.
		JV-915-INFO, item 7: Information from a juvenile case cannot be accessed online or at a public kiosk.	The committee has revised this item to reflect that the response will be filed on the petitioner or their attorney and that the petitioner will be notified if a hearing is set.