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### Title

### **Trial Courts: Children's Waiting Room Fund Balance Cap Adjustments (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends the Judicial Council approve requests from three trial courts to adjust their children's waiting room (CWR) fund balance caps. The Judicial Council revised its CWR distribution policy on June 26, 2015, adopting a revised policy that was recommended by the TCBAC and places a cap on CWR fund balance. Under the Judicial Council-adopted process, a court wanting a cap adjustment must submit a request explaining the extenuating circumstance and including its CWR expenditure plan for consideration by the TCBAC and the Judicial Council. The total amount requested by the three trial courts that would increase their CWR fund balance caps is \$1.1 million. Judicial Council staff also are reporting the returned CWR fund balance amounts in fiscal year 2016- 2017 through one-time reductions to those courts' allocations.

#### **Recommendation**

Based on actions taken at its meeting on October 12, 2016, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective October 28, 2016, increase the amount of the fiscal year 2016-2017 cap on the children's waiting room fund balance the courts can carry forward from one fiscal year to the next by:

1. \$67,946 for the Superior Court of Contra Costa County (Attachment C1),
2. \$552,329 for the Superior Court of Orange County (Attachment C2), and
3. \$455,732 for the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County (Attachment C3).

#### **Speakers**

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