Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ



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AGENDA 11/02/99

25 October 1999

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Chairman Almquist and Members of the Board:

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY

The Superior Court is requesting discharge from accountability for the collection of traffic and minor criminal fines and penalties owed in 2,934 cases with a violation date five years prior to September 28, 1999. The usual means available to the Court of enforcing collections, including the issuance of delinquent letters, DMV holds and bench warrants have been employed in the cases in question without success or subsequent contact with the missing defendants. In addition, the likelihood of collection does not warrant the further expenditure of public funds involved in maintaining these accounts in our monthly and yearly accounting system.

The undersigned Executive Officer and Clerk of the Superior Court verifies on information and belief that the facts stated above are true and correct. The Auditor-Controller concurs that this application is reasonable and necessary under county procedures.

The sum of the outstanding balances for which discharge from accountability is requested is \$874,598.11. Your Board's authority to grant this discharge from accountability does not constitute a release of any listed person from the liability of payment on any account.

Accordingly, it is RECOMMENDED that your Board grant discharge for accountability for the balances totaling \$874,598.11 and direct that the Auditor-Controller make the appropriate adjustments

Very Truly Yours,

Christine Patton, Executive Officer and Clerk of the Superior Court

cc: Auditor-Controller

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