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Los Angeles County Bar Association Statement on Court Funding in California's 2019-20 Budget

JANUARY 11, 2019, LOS ANGELES – With the release of Governor Gavin Newsom's fiscal year 2019-20 budget, California's Judicial Branch can begin positive steps forward, giving hope and promise for the one branch of government neglected for far too long. With a proposed \$4.1 billion in operating funds for the judicial branch, which includes \$327 million in new General Fund monies, the judicial officers of California will be able to continue the effective administration of justice while embracing added efficiencies and emerging technology to ensure fair and equal access to justice for all.

In a joint statement, Los Angeles County Bar Association President Brian S. Kabateck and President-Elect Ronald F. Brot said, "We want to say thank you to all the members of the Los Angeles County Bar Association who have worked tirelessly over the past decade to improve funding to the judicial branch and to ensure the courts of California are open for all Californians."

The Los Angeles County Bar Association and its 21,000 members look forward to this new day and are committed to working with the Governor, Chief Justice, members of the Legislature and the Los Angeles Superior Court in support of the opportunities ahead. The Governor's budget and re-commitment to the courts is a good first step forward.

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