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Court Reporters Correct The Record: LA Superior Court Threatens Access to Justice with Push for Electronic Recording

Sacramento, CA – After years of refusing to hire enough court reporters to fill vacancies in Los Angeles County courtrooms, the LA Superior Court sent a press release this week complaining of a “constitutional crisis” of their own creation. Instead of promising to hire more court reporters as neighboring counties have done, from a growing pool of graduates, the county is advocating for the use of flawed electronic systems instead.

Today, the Los Angeles County Court Reporters Association proposes a better solution:

“The solution is simple – hire more court reporters,” said Cindy Tachell, President of the Los Angeles County Court Reporters Association. “Every person who comes through our judicial system has the right to an accurate record, a promise the Los Angeles Superior Court is threatening to overturn with their push to rely on flawed electronic recording systems.”

The Los Angeles Superior Court system needs to fill 100 court reporter vacancies. With nearly 1,000 students enrolled in court reporting schools across Southern California, record numbers of new reporters are earning their licenses. Coupled with upcoming changes to state law that would align California licensing exams with the national standard to issue provisional licenses, there are currently – and will continue to be – more than enough reporters in the profession to meet the need.

“Instead of leaving people’s lives and access to justice in the hands of flawed technology, LASC should do as other courts have done and aggressively recruit and retain new reporters. We also urge LASC to join LACCRA in supporting legislation that would expand remote court reporting to allow a single reporter to capture the record in multiple locations in a single day; and legislation to authorize provisional licensure of [hundreds of students working to pass their final test](#) in court reporting schools.

“Court reporters, as guardians of the record, are an integral part of a functioning judicial system and must remain the standard for capturing an accurate, certified record in every courtroom.”

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