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TRIAL COURT EMPLOYEE COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP

by Amy Shillingburg

The third annual meeting of the Trial Court Employee Collaborative Working Group was held on April 15 at the Administrative Office of the Courts in Sacramento. SDCCEA attended and our voices were heard. The position of your SDCCEA leadership is that no cuts should occur at the local court level. Any cuts that may be approved by the legislature should be at the Judicial Council and Administrative Office of the Courts. Cutting at the local courts would have negative impact on court employees and reduce the level of services provided to the citizens of San Diego County. Additionally, much discussion focused on local court reserves and fund balances. SDCCEA made it clear that San Diego Superior Court has been fiscally responsible and should not be punished for being frugal with our financial resources.

The objective of this group is to provide input to the Administrative Director of the Courts on the preparation, development, and implementation of the budget for trial courts. The working group will all share information on other topics affecting the judicial branch and court employees.

The members of the working group consist of SDCCEA, SBPEA, OCEA, SCOPE, IF-PTE, and CWA, four court executive offi-

cers representing each statewide region with the Southern region having two representatives, three regional administrative directors from the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts Director of Finance who will serve as chair of the working group.

The working group's overall function is to provide a regular mechanism for recognized employee bargaining groups to receive updates on the development of the judicial branch budget and further participate in the budget development process by providing input and advice on budget-related matters affecting trial court employee labor negotiation issues.

The goals for the working group is to open communications between the Administrative Office of the Courts and labor representatives; receive input in budget funding priorities and to better understand the State Appropriations Limit (SAL) Funding. The working group will meet two times per year concurrent with the priority settings and allocation budget development cycles, as needed.

SDCCEA will keep our members updated with current budget events as they unfold.

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