From: Language Access, Santa Cruz Superior Court
Subject: Action Required: 2027 Independent Contractor Interpreter Contract
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Interpreters,

Effective January 1, 2027, the Judicial Council's new Payment Policy for Independent Contractor Interpreters will take effect statewide. As a result, all courts are required to update their interpreter agreements to ensure compliance with the new policy.

Please review the attached documents:

- Payment Policies for Independent Contractor Interpreters (effective January 1, 2027)
- Independent Contractor Interpreter Agreement Template (PDF)

If you are interested in continuing to provide interpreter services for the Santa Cruz Superior Court under the new agreement, please email [court email address] to let us know of your interest.

If you do not plan to continue providing services under the updated agreement, please notify [court email address] at your earliest convenience.

Please note that the Court will be able to schedule only those interpreters whose agreements comply with the Judicial Council's new payment policy. Under California Rules of Court, rule 2.893(e), interpreters who decline to work under the approved rates and terms, or who do not respond, will be considered unavailable for assignments.

We greatly appreciate your service to the Court and the community. We value the important role you play in ensuring meaningful language access and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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