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COURT TO IMPLEMENT AB1981 JURY PILOT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE JUROR COMPENSATION AND PARTICIPATION

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— San Bernardino is one of seven courts participating in a pilot program that raises juror compensation from \$15 to \$100 per day.

Beginning September 3, 2024, residents called into jury service in San Bernardino County will receive \$100 per day, starting on the second day of service—up from the current amount of \$15. In addition, the juror mileage reimbursement rate will increase from \$0.34 to \$0.67 per mile roundtrip.

Why Are Pay Rates Going Up?

A pilot program funded by Assembly Bill 1981 and administered by the Judicial Council of California will explore whether increases in juror compensation and mileage reimbursement rates improve juror diversity and participation. We are proud to have been selected to participate in this program, which was based on regional and geographic diversity. The other participating counties include Alameda, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Monterey, and Shasta. The pilot program will end by early 2026 or when funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

At the conclusion of the pilot, the Judicial Council will provide a report to the California State Legislature describing the findings of the pilot program and information for promoting juror diversity.

“We are honored to participate in the AB1981 Jury Pilot Program, which represents a significant step forward in our commitment to ensuring that our jury pools reflect the diversity of our community,” said Presiding Judge Lisa M. Rogan. “We are dedicated to providing the resources and support necessary to make this program a success, and we look forward to the valuable



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insights it will bring to the broader judicial community,” said Court Executive Officer Anabel Z. Romero.

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