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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

August 17, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 190 (Mitchell) Juveniles – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez-Fletcher:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to oppose Senate Bill 190 (Mitchell) Juveniles. SB 190 would remove local control and cause a negative fiscal impact to the County.

The proposed bill would have fees related to local home detention programs be only payable by adults. SB 190 would remove the County's ability to send Institution accounts to the FTB COD leaving accounts uncollectible. The bill also repeals the following: \$100 per day fee for parents who refuse to pick up their minor children from the County's Juvenile Hall or Los Prietos Boys' Camp, the public defender fees paid by parents for their minor child's legal representation, and the Foster Parent training fund. The changes will reduce local control and fiscal stability that the County does not support in the adopted 2017 Legislative Platform.

Any county can choose to stop collecting these fees through local legislative actions, as some have, rather than instituting a "one-size fits all" elimination of these fees statewide.

For these reasons, Santa Barbara County opposes SB 190. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg
Legislative Advocate

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