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**Senate Bill 1484
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Smallwood-Cuevas:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1484 (Smallwood-Cuevas).

SB 1484 amends various sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) to clarify that a minor must be between 12 and 17 years of age to be within the jurisdiction of both the Informal Juvenile and Traffic Court and the Expedited Youth Accountability Program.

The Informal and Juvenile Traffic Court established via WIC 256 primarily hears cases limited to infractions, misdemeanor traffic offenses not including DUIs, and specified misdemeanors associated with young people, such as skateboarding in a public transit facility or parking garage, playing music too loudly on public transit, trespassing, loitering, public intoxication, and other similar offenses.

In 1997, the Expedited Youth Accountability Program was established to authorize peace officers and probation officers in Los Angeles County to cite minors accused of specified misdemeanors directly to juvenile court in lieu of filing a petition or informal probation proceeding.

In 2018, SB 439 was enacted to remove the juvenile court's delinquency jurisdiction for youth under 12 years of age, with five limited exceptions for violent crimes. SB 1484 furthers the intent of SB 439 by clarifying that the restrictions on the juvenile court's jurisdiction for youth under 12 are applicable to other WIC sections that apply to informal or expedited processes and programs to adjudicate offenses committed by youth.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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