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Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye Supreme Court of California 350 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye:

On behalf of the Jury Selection Work Group, I am pleased to inform you that we have concluded our work and produced a final report for the consideration of the Supreme Court of California. Consistent with the group's charge, the report discusses ideas for eliminating impermissible discrimination against cognizable groups in jury selection and for ensuring that juries represent a cross section of their communities.

The main report outlines the group's findings and recommendations, and an appendix summarizes the public comments received. (For the Court's reference, we have also prepared an additional PDF that contains all of the public comments in their original form.) Please distribute these three attachments to all of the Justices on the work group's behalf.

The group met 12 times over the course of 22 months and, although some spirited debates and discussions occurred, this report reflects the consensus of all the members. We are proud of the work undertaken by the members of the group, and we hope that the report will provide a useful road map for confronting the important issues discussed therein.

As always, it was my privilege to be called upon to engage in such an important endeavor. I think I can speak for all of the work group members to say that they too were honored to participate. Of course, this report would not have been possible but for the excellent staff support the Judicial Council provided for us. I want to express my deep appreciation for staff's hard work in getting this report completed and for helping to make it such a solid work product.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. O'Leary Presiding Justice