

**DEPARTMENT OF
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March 21, 2003



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received your letter dated February 19, 2003, requesting our review of the test claim submitted by the Santa Monica Community College District, asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under referenced sections of the Penal Code and Family Code are reimbursable State mandated costs (Claim No. CSM-02-TC-12 "Crime Statistics Reports (K-14)"). Due to the coordination involved in performing this analysis, and the numerous activities for which the K-12 and community college district are seeking reimbursement, we are requesting representation from the Attorney General's Office. As a result, we respectfully request an extension of at least 30 days to prepare our response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your February 19, 2003, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact James A. Foreman, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328 or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannie Oropeza".

Jeannie Oropeza
Program Budget Manager

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Crime Statistics Reports (K-14)
Test Claim Number: CSM-02-TC-12

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On March 21, 2003, I served the attached request of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and non-state agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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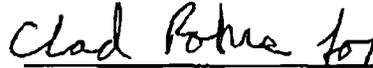
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 21, 2003, at Sacramento, California.



Jennifer Nelson