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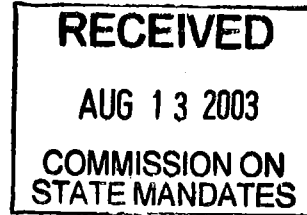


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August 13, 2003

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RE: Tuition Fee Waivers, 02-TC-21
Contra Costa County Community College District, Claimant

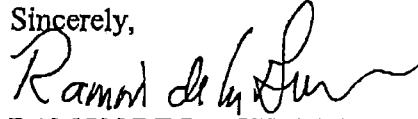
Dear Ms. Higashi:

I am writing to request an extension of 45 days to file an initial response on behalf of the Department of Finance. The Department of Finance response is currently due on August 18, 2003. This extension is necessary because of the press of official business. Additionally, Department of Finance staff have been unable to confer with me regarding this claim because of the late passage of the budget which required their attention and work. Finally, an extension is also required because the claim is lengthy and involves an unusually large number of statutes.

I am requesting 45 rather than 30 day extension because of the need to prepare and argue *County of San Diego v. Commission on State Mandates* in the Court of Appeal in San Diego on September 10, 2003. Additionally, I have a lengthy brief due in Los Angeles Superior Court in *Coalition of Free Men v. State of California*, Los Angeles Superior Court No. BC 288096.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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For BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

cc: See attached mailing list

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: **Tuition Fee Waivers, 02-TC-21**
Contra Costa County Community College District, Claimant

I declare:

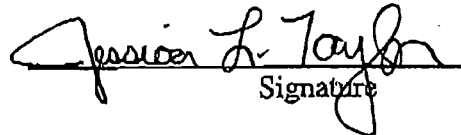
I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On August 13, 2003, I served the attached **Letter to Paula Higashi, dated August 13, 2003**, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 1300 I Street, P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, California 94244-2550, addressed as follows:

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 13, 2003, at Sacramento, California.

Jessica L. Taylor
Declarant


Signature

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