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Commission on State Mandates
980 9th St., Ste. 300
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Via [CSM Dropbox](#)

Dear Commission on State Mandates,

The California District Attorneys Association (CDA A) supports Test Claim 24-TC-07 filed by the County of Sutter, the County of Santa Clara, and the City of Sacramento for costs incurred from the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 2778 (Stats. 2022, ch. 806, § 2), codified at Penal Code section 741.

This year, district attorney offices in California have had to incur new costs to implement Race Blind Charging as required by Penal Code section 741. Section 741 has the laudable, brand-new goal of addressing the possibility of implicit bias in the filing of criminal charges by blinding prosecutors who make charging decisions to the race of the suspects, witnesses, officers, descriptions of these parties, and their names.

The new law requires a new multistep process for the review of cases, the implementation of either sophisticated and costly word and phrase redaction/replacement tools or the labor-intensive application of manual redactions, the collection of data, and other new functions that all create new costs. The law does not change the tight deadlines that district attorneys face when filing criminal charges, or any other laws. It adds new requirements on top of those laws that impose a new program and a higher level of service.

CDA A is a statewide organization of California prosecutors. The Association has more than 3,500 members, including elected and appointed district attorneys, city attorneys principally engaged in the prosecution of criminal cases, and the attorneys and other staff employed by these officials.

We urge the Commission on State Mandates to approve this test claim so that all district attorney offices in the state can get the funding for the costs they have incurred and are incurring to implement this new law.

Very truly yours,

Greg Totten
Chief Executive Officer

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On August 19, 2025, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated August 18, 2025**
- **Finance's Comments on the Test Claim filed August 19, 2025**
- **California District Attorneys Association's (CDAA) Comments on the Test Claim filed August 18, 2025**

Race-Blind Charging, 24-TC-07

Statutes 2022, Chapter 806, Section 2 (AB 2778); Penal Code Section 741(b), effective January 1, 2023

City of Sacramento, County of Santa Clara, and County of Sutter, Claimants

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

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 August 19, 2025 at Sacramento, California.



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Matter: Race-Blind Charging

Claimants: City of Sacramento
County of Santa Clara
County of Sutter

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