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May 30, 2006

Kim Turner
Court Executive Officer
Hall of Justice
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 116
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

RE: Your letter of May 24, 2006

Dear Ms. Turner:

Thank you for your response to our request for records. We will be happy to submit the funds requested. However, it is difficult to know how much payment should be since we do not know the total number of pages and this was not communicated in your letter. Please let us know the total cost for these documents and we will remit payment as soon as possible.

It is unfortunate that both Judge Duryee and you are unable to attend our informational briefing tomorrow. Given that the meeting did not fit with your schedules, we would like you to please work with us to find a mutually convenient time to come together and discuss our request.

Your claim that we “have repeatedly declined to identify [our] members” is quite surprising to us. Your letter referenced above, dated May 24, 2006, is the first request we have received from anyone at the Court for this information. We are simply a group of concerned citizens who have seen, experienced and learned of a broad spectrum of issues that remain unresolved within the Marin County Superior Court.

As we are a public citizen organization, it is regrettable that you do not believe that collaboration with us “would be a wise use of public resources.” We are excited at the opportunity to have an open and meaningful exchange with the Court. We look forward to finding a mutually agreeable time to meet, and ultimately improving the relationship between the courts and the community.

Sincerely yours,

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Concerned Citizen

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Concerned Citizen

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