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The Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8629  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **Re: \$10 Million to Support California Family Justice Centers in the 2025-2026 Budget**

Dear Chairman Wiener:

We respectfully request \$10 million to provide funding to Family Justice Center's throughout California. Created in 2002 and defined in state law since 2014, Family Justice Centers (FJC) represent a fast growing movement that has transformed how communities across California respond to survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and other crimes.

FJCs are comprehensive multi-agency centers that provide trauma-informed services to more than 70,000 victims of domestic and interpersonal violence in California each year. The FJC collaborative "one stop" model is proven to lessen trauma for victims and to support healing and violence prevention for victims of violence and their families. State Budget allocations in 2023 and 2021, administered through CalOES, have helped to lead this trauma-informed collaborative response to the alarming escalation of interpersonal, domestic violence in our communities.

As violence, especially reports of domestic violence, continues to rise, FJCs are increasingly on the front lines of victim support and recovery. This allocation will ensure that the 27 FJCs currently operating in communities across our state – and the three new FJCs that are opening soon – can pursue justice, safety and healing for thousands of victims and prevent escalating violence in our communities.

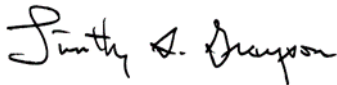
FJCs were defined in state law in 2014 ([CA Penal Code 13750](#)) but have served constituents since 2002. FJCs transform how communities respond to violence. By co-locating services under one roof - including law enforcement, legal aid, medical care, counseling, and job support - FJCs provide trauma-informed, "one-stop-shop" prevention and support services to victims of interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, gun violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.

The \$10 million allocation will fund wrap-around trauma reduction and recovery services for victims of violence and their families, violence prevention practices, mental health services, gun relinquishment education, enforcement of restraining orders statewide and increased safety and protection for child visitation when domestic violence has been reported. Funding will also support:

- Building capacity to serve more victims of violence through increased staffing for victim safety plan development, trauma-informed therapy and coordination between government, community and law enforcement partners;
- Increased trauma reduction programs in FJCs for children and youth;
- Technical assistance, training, and best practice development for FJCs and their local partners, including law enforcement;
- Statewide public education, convenings, and coordination in local jurisdictions between family law, criminal courts, law enforcement, and social services agencies for firearms relinquishment and safety pertaining to domestic violence restraining orders;
- CFJN coordination with FJCs and state partners to identify comprehensive improvements to supervised visitation safety protocols and practices, including expanded judicial education on lethality factors that contribute to increased violence and homicides, increased communication and coordination between criminal and family courts, coordination and capacity building assistance to California's growing FJC network;
- Direct support for developing new FJCs in historically underserved and new immigrant communities.

California needs to focus on community solutions to reduce violence and FJCs play a vital role in prevention and healing from trauma. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact my Legislative Director, Samantha Yturalde ([Samantha.yturalde@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Samantha.yturalde@sen.ca.gov)), if there are any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



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Senator, 40<sup>th</sup> District



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Seyarto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

Kelly Seyarto  
Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> District