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Supervisor Janet Wolf
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Dear Supervisor Wolf,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me to discuss my concerns as Presiding Judge about the Sheriff's plan to remove bailiffs from the civil courtrooms of the Santa Barbara Superior Court. As we discussed, the Court opposes any reduction to the level of security provided by the Sheriff and would ask the Board of Supervisors to support a full restoration of funds to the Sheriff Department's budget specifically earmarked for the Court Services Unit for the upcoming fiscal year.

As we further discussed, I have proposed forming a Presiding Judge/Sheriff Court Security Task Force to assess the ongoing issue of providing safe and secure access to justice within the confines of the Realignment funds received by the Sheriff's Department. This Presiding Judge/Sheriff Task Force would include members of the civil bar, criminal justice partners and county and court administration in order to fully address all concerns. I believe this is a positive and collaborative step in resolving this issue while still ensuring the safety of those who come to the courts for resolution of their cases and deserve to be safe while doing so.

Again, I appreciate your consideration of our position for the restoration of funds for the safety of those seeking access to justice. If I can provide any further information on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Kelly
Presiding Judge
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