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## CITY of CHINO

February 7, 2023

Honorable Judge R. Glenn Yabuno  
Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino  
247 West Third Street, 11th Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

Dear Honorable Judge Yabuno,

On December 29, 2022, Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Isaiah Cordero was brutally murdered by a career criminal who was unleashed upon him by the reckless ruling of San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Cara Hutson. As elected officials, the safety and security of our community members and first responders has always been one of our priorities. We are compelled to write you this letter because Judge Hutson has demonstrated through her reckless judicial rulings that she is a threat to the safety of our community.

As we researched the circumstances that led to Deputy Cordero's death, we were outraged to learn that a judge who presides over residents in our City and County could have granted bail to this violent criminal she just convicted of his third strike for imprisoning and torturing someone. Judge Hutson was aware that this career criminal had two previous strikes; one for being an armed felon who fled from police and the other for a brutal home invasion where he mercilessly beat his victims. Judge Hutson knew that this criminal would be facing a sentence of twenty-five years to life for his third strike, giving him no reason to return to court for sentencing and every incentive to resist arrest. Her decision to grant him bail instead of immediately remanding him to custody is the definition of recklessness.

Judge Hutson was an experienced district attorney and is a tenured judge. She knew, or should have known, that it was highly probable that her decision to release a violent criminal with a history of resisting arrest and convicted of his third strike would cause harm to any police officer who stopped him or tried to take him into custody. Judge Hutson knowingly disregarded this clearly foreseeable risk, and Deputy Cordero paid for it with his life. Her decision to grant bail was not only reckless, but arguably illegal. California Penal Code Section 1166 was written to ensure violent career criminals were remanded into custody after a guilty verdict, not granted bail and provided yet another opportunity to terrorize innocent victims.

We implore you, as the presiding judge, to ask for the resignation of Judge Hutson, and if you are unable to secure her resignation, immediately re-assign her from criminal court responsibilities.



We are not the only City Council, or community, who has lost confidence in Judge Hutson's discernment and commitment to protecting the innocent. The stakes are too high to allow her to rule on another case involving a violent repeat offender. We ask that you consider our concerns and take appropriate action to ensure this tragedy does not happen again.

Sincerely,

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