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PRESS RELEASE

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COLLABORATIVE COURTS TO HOLD GRADUATION CEREMONY 5/18/23- 4:00 p.m.

Bob Hope Theater, 242 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA

Stockton, CA — Over 230 participants of the Collaborative Courts have successfully completed one of the court rehabilitation programs at the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin over the past year. On Thursday, May 18, 2023, we will celebrate this achievement with a commencement ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Bob Hope Theater, 242 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA.

Collaborative Courts is a division of the Superior Court, which combines judicial supervision with monitoring and rehabilitation to reduce recidivism by addressing issues that contribute to criminal behavior. With the goal of improving public safety and client outcomes, these courts also are known as problem-solving courts. Collaborative Courts focuses on utilizing data-driven, evidence-based practices, comprehensive evaluation and assessment plans to improve the quality of the lives of the people we serve.

"Our clients have worked diligently to complete this milestone, and we are pleased to share in their accomplishment. Collaborative Court goals are to reduce substance use, recidivism, and increase family reunification. Our San Joaquin County Collaborative Court believes that when our clients find sobriety, everyone benefits. The benefits translate to the communities, family members, reduced jail population numbers, and a reduction of children in foster care. We are honored to celebrate and acknowledge their successes!"-Kelly Placeres, Director of Collaborative Courts

The graduation program will feature:

Key Note Speaker – Juan Oregel

Graduate Speaker – Armando Martinez

Collaborative Courts, a division fully supported by grants, includes Drug Court (Track 1 and 2); Dependency Drug Court (PROP 1 and 2); DUI Court; Parole Reentry Court; Veterans Court, three AB109 reentry courts - Compliance Court, Monitoring Court, Mandatory Supervision Court; and the "Choices and Consequences" prevention program, which are school presentations that aim to deter middle school and high school students from using drugs and alcohol.

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