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State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata has introduced legislation, Senate Bill 1407 (SB 1407), which would authorize the issuance of \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds to finance the planning, design, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, replacement, leasing or acquisition of court facilities. To fund these bonds, SB 1407 would increase various court fees and penalties for criminal, civil, traffic school, and parking fine cases.

There are numerous court facilities throughout the County that are in desperate need of refurbishment or replacement. SB 1407 will provide the State with a consistent revenue stream to sustain its commitment to improving the condition of courthouses statewide without dipping into the General Fund. It is imperative that the residents of Los Angeles County, as well as residents across the State, have access to safe and secure courthouses, and the enactment of this legislation will facilitate those ends.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support SB 1407 (Perata) and instruct the Chief Executive Office to send letters to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation urging support for this bill; and instruct our Sacramento advocates to pursue enactment of this legislation.

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