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## PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ANNOUNCES NEW WEBPAGE FEATURING "THE GOOD WE DO" VIDEOS SHOWCASING JUDICIAL OUTREACH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced the launch of a <u>new webpage</u> dedicated to "The Good We Do" to highlight the ways in which judicial officers serve Los Angeles County communities. The webpage showcases the Judicial Mentor Program, the Good City Mentors Program, the Redondo Beach Homeless Court and the Skid Row Running Club.

"Our Court is dedicated to access, fairness and uplifting all Angelenos, especially in our most vulnerable communities which have long faced historical barriers to justice," Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor said. "This webpage demonstrates the passion and commitment our judicial officers bring on and off the bench to improve the lives and enhance equity and opportunity for all members of our diverse communities."

"The Good We Do" webpage highlights the <u>Judicial Mentorship Program</u>, which collaborates with all sectors of the legal community, including bar associations, public interest organizations, government attorneys, private law firms and solo practitioners to develop wide-ranging outreach and provide effective mentorship to all attorneys interested in judgeships. Since the program's inception, it has inspired other trial courts, the Court of Appeal and other states to start similar programs to enhance and diversify their pool of qualified judicial candidates.

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The webpage also features a video on the <u>Redondo Beach Homeless Court</u>, a specialized Court previously presided over by Judge Rene C. Gilbertson which provides the opportunity for people experiencing homelessness to appear in person to resolve misdemeanor charges and non-traffic infractions while simultaneously connecting them with providers that offer mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and housing placement.

The <u>Good City Mentors Program</u> is a partnership between the Good City Mentors and 21 judicial officers who volunteer their time providing mentorships to students in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Good City Mentors Program informs students of the Court's mission to provide fair and equitable access to justice for all and educates them on the complex challenges the Court faces every day.

The <u>Skid Row Running Club</u>, started by Judge Craig Mitchell, also is featured on "The Good We Do" webpage. The Running Club seeks to promote healthy lifestyle choices and positive habits through meaningful interactions between Judge Mitchell and people in recovery of drug and alcohol addiction at the Midnight Mission, Union Rescue Mission and Fred Jordan Missions in Skid Row.

"The Good We Do" webpage will continue to highlight current and future initiatives. The public is encouraged to check the webpage often for new videos.

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