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State Legislature Recognizes San Mateo Court for Excellence

The California State Legislature has presented the San Mateo County Superior Court with a joint resolution commending the Court for its innovative programs. The Resolution, signed by Assembly members Gene Mullin, Fiona Ma, Ira Ruskin and Senators Joe Simitian and Leland Yee, praises the Court for its commitment to treat defendants with drug and alcohol problems as well as mental disorders. Such programs have effectively reduced recidivism. The Resolution also heralded the Court's EZLegalFile program (an interactive website that helps people complete their legal documents) as well as the Court's annual Access and Fairness Surveys where the public can "judge the court", provide feedback, and offer suggestions for improving court services.

This Resolution, according to Presiding Judge Robert D Foiles, "is an honor for the Court as well as our partner agencies – the District Attorney's Office, Probation, Private Defender Panel and local treatment providers. I am very proud of our programs and projects, as it is immensely rewarding to provide a wide variety of programs to assist the public and reduce recidivism."

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