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Dear Ms. Halsey:

**RESPONSE TO THE STATE CONTROLLERS' OFFICE'S
PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON THE CHILD ABDUCTION AND
RECOVERY PROGRAM'S PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES**

The County of Los Angeles (County) submits the attached Comments in response to the State Controller's Office's proposed amendment to the Child Abduction and Recovery Program's Parameters and Guidelines.

If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may contact Fernando Lemus at (213) 974-0324 or via e-mail at flemus@auditor.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

Oscar Valdez
Auditor-Controller

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Attachment

**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CHILD ABDUCTION AND CUSTODY PROGRAM
PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES**

The County of Los Angeles (County) has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Child Abduction and Recovery Program's Parameters and Guidelines (Ps and Gs).

The County is a local agency subject to the Ps and Gs. The State Controller's Office has requested a Statement of Decision and Amendment of the Ps and Gs. The Controller's Office's request does not indicate whether the request for Statement of Decision would be limited to the proposed amendment. The Commission's Notice of Complete Request references only the Ps and Gs Amendment.

To the extent that the Ps and Gs Amendment seeks only to add one reimbursable cost, which had previously been referenced in prior Ps and Gs, and renumber other reimbursable costs, the County has no objection. It is not clear from the Controller's request, however, whether the Controller's Office is requesting a Statement of Decision that goes beyond the Ps and Gs Amendment. The County objects to any Statement of Decision that addresses any topic beyond the Ps and Gs Amendment as there has been no notice of the contents of any such Statement of Decision and no opportunity to comment.

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On November 21, 2025, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated November 19, 2025**
- **County of Los Angeles's Comments on the Request for Parameters and Guidelines Amendment filed November 20, 2025**

Custody of Minors - Child Abduction and Recovery, 25-PGA-01

Family Code Sections 3060 to 3064, 3130 to 3134.5, 3408, 3411, and 3421

Penal Code Sections 277, 278, and 278.5

Welfare And Institutions Code Section 11478.5

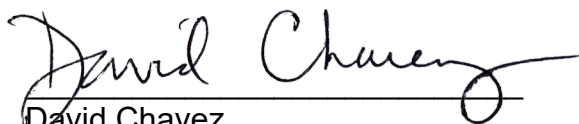
Statutes 1976, Chapter 1399; Statutes 1992, Chapter 162;

Statutes 1996, Chapter 988

State Controller's Office, Requester

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 21, 2025 at Sacramento, California.



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