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COLLABORATIVE COURTS HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY
May 11, 2017- 4 p.m.
Bob Hope Theater – Stockton, CA

STOCKTON – More than 300 individuals have graduated from one of the San Joaquin Superior Court’s Collaborative Courts programs. At 4 p.m. May 11 (Thursday), many of them will walk at the annual commencement ceremony at Stockton’s historical Bob Hope Theater, 242 E. Main St.

“This is a great occasion to celebrate the commitment, hard work and progress that clients have demonstrated in their journey toward sobriety,” said Helen Ellis, Director of Collaborative Courts. “It’s an important milestone that signifies hope for even greater success, and that translates to healthier communities.” Collaborative Courts is an innovative division of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, which combines judicial supervision with monitoring and rehabilitation services, such as substance abuse treatment, 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.

The graduation program will feature:

- A keynote address by Mark S. Allen, television host at ABC 10. Allen, who celebrates his own sobriety, began his career at ABC 10, hosting the national show “Scratch” with Lisa Ling. He went on to win three Emmy awards and was host of his own show for two years on Comedy Central. His movie show “Mark at the Movies” aired in 27 countries and 168 million homes worldwide both on Reelz Channel and AFN. His book “100 Things to Do in Sacramento Before You Die” is in bookstores across California and Amazon.
- A welcoming address by Honorable Consuelo Callahan, of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. Callahan, of Stockton, previously was a San Joaquin Superior Court judge and an associate justice for the California Court of Appeal. She was the first woman and the first Latina to be appointed to the San Joaquin San Joaquin Superior Court. She also was the first judge from San Joaquin County to be appointed to the federal bench.

Collaborative Courts, a division fully supported by grants, operates eight programs including Drug Court; Dependency Drug Court; DUI Court; Parole Reentry Court; Compliance Court (for AB109 Post Release Community Supervision probationers); Monitoring Court (for AB109 probationers who are high violence); Mandatory Supervision Court (for AB109 Local Community Supervision probationers); and the “Choices and Consequences” prevention program, which are school presentations that aim to deter middle school and high school children from using drugs and alcohol.

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