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In any of its forms – conscious or unconscious, historic or ongoing, systemic or individualized – racism subverts the principal of equal justice under the law on which our judicial system is built. The Contra Costa County Superior Court joins with the Supreme Court of California in recognizing our moral and ethical obligation to confront racism and injustice so that we as individuals, as a court, and as members of a fair and just society, may give working life to the ideals of equality and inclusion that form the very core of our constitutional values.

However, there is much work to do in order to move from equality as an aspiration to equality as a living truth. We pledge to learn, to self-examine, and to challenge ourselves as part of our mission as judges to provide equal justice under the law to all who come before our courts.

Hon. Barry Baskin Presiding Judge

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