Information about LANGUAGE ACCESS IN THE COURTS

If you need an interpreter, the court will provide one to you at no cost. This is a free service for people who use the courts.

The reverse side of this card provides information about the court interpreter's role, and what the interpreter can or cannot discuss with you.

If you have a question or concern about court interpreting services, alert the Judge, speak to the Clerk of the Court where the case is being heard, or contact the Office of Language Access:

OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS

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USING A COURT INTERPRETER

- To help with communication during the court proceeding, you will be given an interpreter who speaks your language.
- The interpreter's job is to repeat to you in your language, everything that is said in English by the Judge or others in the court.
- The interpreter will also repeat anything that you say in your language, back into English.
- Nothing that is said will be changed or left out of this interpretation.
- The interpreter is not allowed to give you advice or have private conversations with you.
- The interpreter will not talk about your case with anybody outside the court.
- If something is not clear to you or if you have a question, raise your hand. The judge will answer your questions or concerns. Do not ask the interpreter directly for information or advice.

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