## To Whom It May Concern:

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) is a 12-step program adapted from the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). SCA has had a relationship with the court systems in Los Angeles and Orange Counties since SCA's founding more than forty-five years ago. Our program and meetings are like those of AA. We are not professionals or educators. We do not offer classes. We are an anonymous fellowship comprised of members who volunteer their time as trusted servants to lead 12-step meetings and perform other service work without compensation to keep SCA operating.

Our 12-step program of recovery offers an opportunity to change for those who identify as sexually compulsive, as well as those sent to SCA meetings via the courts. We are not group therapy nor an organization led by licensed professionals specializing in sexual addiction or compulsion or trauma from cases of sexual abuse.

The only service we provide to members who have been sent by the courts is attendance verification. In keeping with our 12 Traditions, which govern the structure of SCA, and in particular the anonymous nature of our program, SCA does not provide any reporting beyond attendance verification. For example, we do not provide official letters of progress, participation, or similar reports. Participation during meetings by all attendees is encouraged. However, participation can come in many forms. For some, participating means simply attending a meeting, either in person or via Zoom. For others, it may include sharing, being of service, or some combination of these items.

Pursuant to our 12 Traditions, each of our meetings is autonomous, deciding whether and how it provides attendance verification. For our in-person meetings, we generally provide a signature on a piece of paper, often called a "court card," with the name and date of the meeting attended. For our Zoom meetings, we may provide another form of verification, such as an email or electronic signature on a PDF court card. It is the responsibility of each attendee seeking verification to track his, her, or their attendance. In furtherance of our principle of anonymity, we do not maintain membership lists or track attendance for any attendee.

At the end of the day, our hope for those sent by the courts is that they have positive experiences that free them from sexually compulsive behavior. If you have any questions about an attendee's participation or progress, it is best to ask the individuals themselves about what they learned or gained from attending SCA meetings. We would be disappointed to learn that someone sent to our meetings was punished because our program, given its nature, does not provide progress reports or certificates of participation.

If you have any further questions, you can call us at 323-570-2659 or email us at <a href="mailto:court@scalosangeles.org">court@scalosangeles.org</a>.