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9 SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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12 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,

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14 Plaintiff,

vs.

15 MICHAEL JOE JACKSON,

16 Defendant.

Case No.: 1133603

**ACCESS PROPONENTS' REQUEST FOR
IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO
WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE JURY
AND TO ANY PROCEEDINGS RELATED
TO THE JURY'S WRITTEN OR ORAL
QUESTIONS**

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Judge Rodney S. Melville

[VIA FACSIMILE]

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20 Access Proponents¹ seek immediate access to written questions posed by the jury in
21 connection with their deliberations and to any judicial proceedings related to the jury's written or oral
22 questions posed to the Court. These judicial records and proceedings are subject to the presumption
23 of public access afforded by the First Amendment, the California Constitution, Rule 243.1 of the
24 California Rules of Court, and the common law. *NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. v. Superior*

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1 Court, 20 Cal. 4th 1178 (1999). They are as much a part of the court proceedings as the trial
2 testimony and closing arguments, and therefore the same strict standards safeguarding openness in
3 criminal trials, including an opportunity to be heard *before* any closure, apply. *See id.* at 1200 "[A]
4 presumption of openness inheres in the very nature of a criminal trial under our system of justice."
5 (quotation omitted); *cf. People v. Thompson*, 50 Cal. 3d 134, 173 (1990) ("Any private
6 communication between judge and jury is improper.").

7 For the foregoing reasons, Access Proponents respectfully ask the Court to allow public
8 access to any questions submitted by the jury in connection with their deliberations and to any
9 judicial proceedings related thereto.

10 DATED: June 6, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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