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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on April 26, 2013

Title	Agenda Item Type
Government Code Section 68106: Public Notice by Courts of Closures or Reduced Clerks' Office Hours (Gov. Code, § 68106— Report No. 18)	Information Only
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Executive Summary

Government Code section 68106 directs (1) trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council before closing courtrooms or clerks' offices or reducing clerks' regular office hours, and (2) the council to post all such notices on its website and also relay them to the Legislature. This is the 18th report to date listing the latest court notices received by the council under this statutory requirement; since the previous report, seven superior courts—those of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Kings, Tehama, Orange, Imperial, and Kern Counties—have issued new notices.

Previous Council Action

In 2010, the Legislature enacted a Judiciary Budget Trailer Bill with fee increases and fund transfers for the courts that also added section 68106 to the Government Code.¹ Section 68106 requires trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council in advance of any closures or reductions in service, and the council in turn to post all such notices on its website and report them to the Legislature. Since the enactment of section 68106, a total of 42 courts have issued

¹ Sen. Bill 857; Stats. 2010, ch. 720, § 13. Attachment A contains the full text of Government Code section 68106, as amended effective January 1, 2011, and June 27, 2012.

notice under its requirements.² The Judicial Council has received 17 prior informational reports listing such notices as they have been received.

Notices Received From Seven Courts Since Last Report

This is the 18th report provided to date on trial court notices submitted under Government Code section 68106. Since the previous report, the Judicial Council has received new notices of closures or reduced hours from seven trial courts:

1. The Superior Court of **Los Angeles** County will close the Beacon Street Courthouse (San Pedro Annex), effective on or about April 22, 2013. The Beacon Street Courthouse, through the operation of one courtroom, hears General Civil cases originating from the South District. All matters formerly heard at the Beacon Street Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about April 22, 2013, will be heard at the Long Beach Courthouse, located at 415 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, 90802. (*Attachment B*)
2. The Superior Court of **San Bernardino** County intends to close all courtrooms and discontinue operations in the Barstow, Big Bear, and Needles Districts and reassign the cases pending in those districts, effective May 6, 2013. The closures compel the Court to also reassign cases in the Victorville, San Bernardino, and Ranch Cucamonga Districts. See Attachment C for details on reassignments. (*Attachment C*)
3. The Superior Court of **Kings** County intends to reduce the hours of operation of its Corcoran Division located at 1000 Chittenden Avenue in Corcoran, California, effective May 13, 2013. Specifically, the Corcoran Division of the Kings County Superior Court will close between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on which it is scheduled to operate. During this time, a drop box will be provided where the public may submit documents and payments for processing. Documents and payments deposited within the Court's drop box between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. will be deemed filed/received on the date of submission. (*Attachment D*)
4. The Superior Court of **Tehama** County will close the Corning Courthouse, effective June 30, 2013. All court business from Corning will be consolidated into three locations in Red Bluff: (1) the 633 Washington Street Historic Courthouse, (2) the 445 Pine Street Courthouse Annex, and (3) the Juvenile Justice Center, 1790 Walnut Street. (*Attachment E*)
5. Effective May 6, 2013, the Superior Court of **Orange** County will transfer all open traffic cases and pending hearings for the Harbor Justice Center – Laguna Hills to the Harbor Justice Center – Newport Beach. Traffic Matters will no longer be heard at the Harbor Justice Center – Laguna Hills and filings will be directed to Harbor Justice Center – Newport Beach. (*Attachment F*)

² All courts' notices are listed and posted at www.courts.ca.gov/12973.htm. Some courts have given more than one notice.

6. Effective May 22, 2013, the Superior Court of **Imperial** County will reduce the days and hours of operation of its Winterhaven Branch Court. The Winterhaven Branch Court will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Infraction and current misdemeanor calendars will continue to be heard at the regularly scheduled time at this location. (*Attachment G*)
7. Effective June 10, 2013, the Superior Court of **Kern** County will reduce its clerk's office hours. All court service counters will be open and telephone services will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Fridays. Courtrooms are not impacted by this change and will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Court has installed drop boxes at all court locations, except Kern River. Documents placed in the drop box by 5:00 p.m. will be deemed filed on that date.

Effective June 10, 2013, the Kern River Branch in Lake Isabella will be closed. All in-custody calendars, Felony and Misdemeanor, will be transferred from the Kern River Branch, Lake Isabella, to the Metro Division in Bakersfield. All out-of-custody misdemeanor cases and all civil cases—Small Claims, and Limited Civil Matters up to \$25,000—will be heard at the Ridgecrest Branch of the Superior Court (East Division), located at 132 E. Coso Ave, Ridgecrest, California. A drop box will NOT be available in Lake Isabella.

Effective September 9, 2013, the Taft/Maricopa branch will only be open one day per week, Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Branch will only hear Small Claims, Limited Civil up to \$25,000, and local traffic infractions. The Branch will only accept filings for matters to be heard at that location. A drop box will be available on Thursdays at the Taft Regional Court Facility for submitting local civil and traffic filings.
(*Attachment H*)
8. Effective on or about June 14, 2013, the Superior Court of **Los Angeles** County intends to close or to severely reduce services in the following nine courthouses: Beverly Hills, Catalina Island, Huntington Park, Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, Malibu, Pomona North, San Pedro, West Los Angeles, and Whittier. See Attachment I for details on the individual courthouse closures and/or reduced services. (*Attachment I*)
9. The Superior Court of **Imperial** County will close the Calexico branch court and consolidate these operations into the court in El Centro. The Calexico branch court will close at the end of business on June 14, 2013. (*Attachment J*)
10. The Superior Court of **Imperial** County will close the Jail Court and end jail clerk's services, with transfer of those operations to the Brawley Courthouse. The Jail Court and associated clerk's services will cease operations at the end of business on June 28, 2013. (*Attachment K*)
11. The Superior Court of **Imperial** County will close the Juvenile Court that operates twice each week in the Department of Probation, and end clerk's services there, with transfer of

those functions to the El Centro Courthouse. The Juvenile Court and associated clerk's services will cease operations at the end of business on July 5, 2013. (*Attachment L*)

12. The Superior Court of **San Bernardino** County will *not* close the Barstow District in its entirety. The Court previously provided notice of its intention to close all courtrooms in the Barstow District. Presently, there are four courtrooms in operation in the Barstow District. Effective May 6, 2013, three courtrooms will be closed. The remaining courtroom will operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding.

Effective May 6, 2013, the public service hours for the clerk's office of the Barstow District will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, except court holidays, through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding. A drop box is provided to receive documents during the court hours/days the clerk's office is closed. (*Attachment M*)

Mandate in Government Code Section 68106

In providing fee increases and fund transfers for the courts in the Judiciary Budget Trailer Bill in 2010, the Legislature expressly declared its intention that trial courts remain open to the public on all days that are not judicial holidays and that access to court services for civil litigants be preserved to the extent practicable. Statements in Government Code section 68106 affirmed this intent, and the recent amendment of the statute strengthened it.

Section 68106 imposes the following requirements on trial courts and the Judicial Council:

- Trial courts must provide written notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices, although "[n]othing in this section is intended to affect, limit, or otherwise interfere with regular court management decisionmaking, including calendar management and scheduling decisions."³ The trial court is to provide this notice "by conspicuous posting within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council"⁴ The notice must describe the scope of the closure or reduction in hours, state the financial constraints or other reasons that make the closure or reduction necessary, and invite public comment.⁵ Courts expressly are *not* obligated to respond to comments received.⁶ If a court changes its plan "as a result of the comments received or for any other reason" during the 60-day notice period, it must "immediately provide notice to the public" by posting and distributing "a revised notice" using the procedure previously described, including distribution to the council.⁷ The change in plan does not require notification, however, beyond the original 60-day period.⁸

³ Gov. Code, § 68106(c).

⁴ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(1).

⁵ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(1), (2)(A).

⁶ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(2)(B).

⁷ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(3).

⁸ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(2)(A).

- The Judicial Council must, within 15 days of receiving a notice from a trial court, “conspicuously” post the notice “on its Internet Web site” and forward a copy to the chairs and vice-chairs of both houses’ Committees on the Judiciary, the chair of the Assembly Committee on Budget, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.⁹

Implementation Efforts

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which carries out the directives of the Judicial Council, notified all trial court presiding judges and court executive officers of the enactment of this statutory mandate, and the AOC’s Legal Services Office (LSO) provided legal guidance to help courts comply with the requirements of the statute. Trial courts have been requested to e-mail such notices to Debora Morrison, LSO Senior Attorney, who has provided legal review of the courts’ notices since Government Code section 68106 first took effect in 2010.

To fulfill the Judicial Council’s obligations under section 68106, the AOC has placed on the home page of the California Courts website a prominent link to the Reduced Court Services page (www.courts.ca.gov/12973.htm), which contains a summary of Government Code section 68106 and all notices received from trial courts about closures of courtrooms or clerks’ offices or reductions in clerks’ office hours.¹⁰ Since the previous report to the council, the notices from the courts detailed above have been added to the web page. The AOC has also forwarded the notices from these courts to the designated legislative leaders.

Attachments

- Attachment A: Government Code section 68106
- Attachment B: Notice from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, February 26, 2013
- Attachment C: Notice from the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, March 4, 2013
- Attachment D: Notice from the Superior Court of Kings County, March 7, 2013
- Attachment E: Notice from the Superior Court of Tehama County, March 7, 2013
- Attachment F: Notice from the Superior Court of Orange County, March 21, 2013
- Attachment G: Notice from the Superior Court of Imperial County, March 22, 2013
- Attachment H: Notice from the Superior Court of Kern County, March 26, 2013
- Attachment I: Notice from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, April 10, 2013
- Attachment J: Notice from the Superior Court of Imperial County, April 11, 2013
- Attachment K: Notice from the Superior Court of Imperial County, April 11, 2013
- Attachment L: Notice from the Superior Court of Imperial County, April 11, 2013
- Attachment M: Notice from the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, April 12, 2013
(update to March 4, 2013, notice)

⁹ *Id.*, § 68106(b)(3).

¹⁰ The Reduced Court Services page has been updated recently, so that court notices now are grouped according to whether the 60-day period has expired or not, making it easier to identify new notices at a glance.

Government Code section 68106:

(a) (1) In making appropriations for the support of the trial courts, the Legislature recognizes the importance of increased revenues from litigants and lawyers, including increased revenues from civil filing fees. It is therefore the intent of the Legislature that courts give the highest priority to keeping courtrooms open for civil and criminal proceedings. It is also the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent practicable, in the allocation of resources by and for trial courts, access to court services for civil litigants be preserved, budget cuts not fall disproportionately on civil cases, and the right to trial by jury be preserved.

(2) Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the Budget Act of 2010, which includes increases in civil and criminal court fees and penalties, that trial courts remain open to the public on all days except judicial holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and except as authorized pursuant to Section 68115.

(b)(1) A trial court shall provide written notification to the public by conspicuous posting within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, and by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council, not less than 60 days prior to closing any courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices during regular business hours on any day except judicial holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and except as authorized pursuant to Section 68115. The notification shall include the scope of the closure or reduction in hours, and the financial constraints or other reasons that make the closure or reduction necessary.

(2)(A) The notification required pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include information on how the public may provide written comments during the 60-day period on the court's plan for closing a courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices. The court shall review and consider all public comments received. If the court plan for closing a courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices, changes as a result of the comments received or for any other reason, the court shall immediately provide notice to the public by posting a revised notice within or about its facilities, on its public Internet Web site, and by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court's electronic distribution service, and to the Judicial Council. Any change in the court's plan pursuant to this paragraph shall not require notification beyond the initial 60-day period.

(B) This paragraph shall not be construed to obligate courts to provide responses to the comments received.

(3) Within 15 days of receipt of a notice from a trial court, the Judicial Council shall conspicuously post on its Internet Web site and provide the chairs and vice chairs of the Committees on Judiciary, the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Budget, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review a copy of any notice received pursuant to this subdivision. The Legislature intends to review the information obtained pursuant to this section to ensure that California trial courts remain open and accessible to the public.

(c) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, limit, or otherwise interfere with regular court management decisionmaking, including calendar management and scheduling decisions.

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT
(for posting no later than February 20, 2013)

**ACTION TO CLOSE THE
BEACON STREET COURTHOUSE (SAN PEDRO ANNEX)**

California Rule of Court 10.620(d)(3) mandates that a trial court seek public input at least 15 court days prior to making an administrative decision regarding, "The planned, permanent closure of any court location for an entire day or for more than one-third of the hours the court location was previously open for either court sessions or filing of papers." Government Code § 68106(b)(1) mandates that a trial court provide written notification to the public not less than 60 calendar days prior to closing any courtroom.

Please be advised that on April 17, 2013, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, will consider taking action for which prior public notice under the Rule 10.620 and Gov't Code § 68106 is required. Specifically, the Presiding Judge will consider the permanent closure of the following court location, effective on or about April 22, 2013:

Beacon Street Courthouse (San Pedro Annex)
638 South Beacon Street
San Pedro, California 90731

The proposed action is detailed in a one-page attachment to this Notice. Any interested person or entity wishing to comment must send their comment to the court in writing or electronically as follows:

D. Brett Bianco, Court Counsel
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
111 North Hill Street, Suite 546
Los Angeles, California 90012
Facsimile: (213) 217-4960
E-mail: publicnotice@lasuperiorcourt.org

This Notice and attachment is available for public viewing at all court locations and on the Court's Web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org.



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES


JOHN A. CLARKE
Executive Officer/Clerk

Attachment to Notice

CLOSURE OF BEACON STREET COURTHOUSE (SAN PEDRO ANNEX)

LOCATION

638 South Beacon Street
San Pedro, California 90731

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Beacon Street Courthouse, through the operation of one courtroom (Department 88C), hears General Civil cases originating from the South District.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

All matters formerly heard at the Beacon Street Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about April 22, 2013, will be heard at the Long Beach Courthouse, located at 415 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Beacon Street Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

PUBLIC NOTICE**PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2013

NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF BARSTOW, BIG BEAR AND NEEDLES COURTS AND REASSIGNMENT OF CASES

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, intends to close all courtrooms in the Barstow District, Big Bear District and Needles District and reassign the cases pending in those districts, effective May 6, 2013. The closures compel the Court to also reassign cases in the Victorville District, San Bernardino District and Rancho Cucamonga Districts. The Court finds it necessary to take these actions due to severe ongoing budget reductions.

Civil unlimited and limited cases, including small claims and landlord-tenant cases, family law cases, including adoptions, matters of domestic violence, guardianship matters, traffic matters and criminal cases, including felonies, misdemeanors and non-traffic infractions, are currently filed and heard in the Barstow and Needles Districts. Civil unlimited and limited cases, including small claims and landlord-tenant cases, and traffic and non-traffic infractions are currently heard in the Big Bear District. Effective May 6, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, will close all courtrooms and discontinue operations in the Barstow District, the Big Bear District and the Needles District.

Cases arising out of the Barstow District, Big Bear District and Needles District will be reassigned as follows:

Reassignment of Barstow District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- Traffic Infractions
- Non-Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law

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- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Big Bear District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Traffic Infractions
- Non- Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law
- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Needles District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415-0210.

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Effective May 6, 2013, the following Needles case types presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the Joshua Tree District, located at 6527 White Feather Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92552:

- Traffic Infractions
- Non- Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law
- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0240.

Other reassignments will be made as follows:

Reassignment of Victorville District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases presently heard in the Victorville District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415. Requests for civil harassment restraining orders, petitions for name change, requests for domestic violence restraining orders and petitions for the return of firearms will continue to be filed and heard in the Victorville District.

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile delinquency cases, including juvenile delinquency drug court cases, presently heard in the Victorville District will be filed and heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 900 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of San Bernardino District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases presently heard in the San Bernardino District will be filed and heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

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Effective May 6, 2013, all small claims cases presently heard in the San Bernardino District will be filed and heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

Reassignment of Rancho Cucamonga District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases will be heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

Landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will continue to be filed in the Rancho Cucamonga District.

Effective May 6, 2013, all small claims cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will be heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335. Small claims cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will continue to be filed in the Rancho Cucamonga District.

Reassignment of Juvenile Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile delinquency cases countywide, including juvenile delinquency drug court cases, will be filed and heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 900 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile dependency cases countywide will continue to be heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 860 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Guardianship Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianship cases countywide will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, 92415-0210.

Parties with existing cases set for hearing on or after May 6, 2013 will be notified by mail of the department to which their case has been reassigned.

California faces a financial crisis of historical proportions and neither the Superior Court for San Bernardino County nor the California judicial system is exempt from having to deal with the crisis. After careful deliberation, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for San Bernardino County has concluded that the changes set forth above are a necessary part of the Court's most reasonable and measured plan to meet its extremely difficult financial challenges.

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at www.sb-court.org.

All public comments must be sent via e-mail to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court at may2013changes@sb-court.org. Comments must be received by April 27, 2013.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KINGS**

**Public Notice of Proposed Reduction in Hours and Staffing at the
Corcoran Division of the Kings County Superior Court,
Effective Monday, May 13, 2013
[Cal. Govt. Code § 68106]**

The State of California is faced with a fiscal crisis that has had a continuing adverse impact on Court operations. All State Government Agencies have closely examined their operations and expenditures to identify potential cost efficiencies. Furloughs, layoffs, some salary freezes, and a Court closure have already been undertaken by the Kings County Superior Court to address its current fiscal emergency. Additional steps are still required, however. After much consideration, it has been determined that a minimal reduction to the hours of operation of the Corcoran Division presents the least amount of inconvenience to the public, while offering necessary cost-savings and administrative benefits to the Court.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of Kings County hereby gives notice of its proposed intent to reduce, on a daily basis, the hours of operation of its Corcoran Division located at 1000 Chittenden Avenue in Corcoran, California. Specifically, the Corcoran Division of the Kings County Superior Court will close between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on which it is scheduled to operate. During this time, a drop box will be provided where the public may submit documents and payments for processing. Documents and payments deposited within the Court's drop box between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. will be deemed filed/received on the date of submission. This proposed change will take effect Monday, May 13, 2013.

Nothing contained herein shall alter the Corcoran Division's current Friday closure time of 11:30 a.m.

Any interested person or entity wishing to comment on the court's plan of action should direct the same, on or before May 10, 2013, to Todd H. Barton, Court Executive Officer at 1426 South Drive, Superior Court, Hanford, California, 93230. You may also send your comments via email to tbarton@kings.courts.ca.gov. All public input will be considered.



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TEHAMA**

*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 68106**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: March 6, 2013

The Superior Court of California, County of Tehama, hereby advises the public of its decision to close the Corning Courthouse effective June 30, 2013. All court business from Corning will be consolidated into three locations in Red Bluff: (1) the 633 Washington Street Historic Courthouse, (2) the 445 Pine Street Courthouse Annex, and (3) the Juvenile Justice Center, 1790 Walnut Street.

As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Tehama Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California, an entity of the State. Over the past five years, ongoing State budget cuts have resulted in reduced staffing levels of 20 percent. Remaining staff resources must be utilized as efficiently as possible in view of ongoing budget cuts. This can best be accomplished by consolidating operations into our Red Bluff facilities.

Tehama Superior Court's budget will save upwards of \$60,000 annually through the elimination and/or reduction of various services, including cleaning services, phone lines, copier contracts, postage meters and other related services that would no longer be necessary with the closure of the Corning Courthouse. Having staff concentrated in fewer work locations creates the ability to make more efficient use of human resources, thus creating additional savings for court operations.

This consolidation would also serve to enhance security and safety for the public and staff as the Red Bluff facilities provide security features not available at the Corning Courthouse.

This consolidation would also be in line with the Court's long-term plan of merging all court services into the new Red Bluff Courthouse, of which the design phase will resume July 1, 2013. For all of the reasons above, the court finds it necessary to close the Corning Courthouse effective June 30, 2013.

Written comments by interested parties should be submitted to:

Superior Court of California, County of Tehama
Office of Administration/Attn: Gina Setter
633 Washington Street, Room 21
Red Bluff, CA 96080



Superior Court of California County of Orange

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN COURT LOCATION

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106 AND CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT,
RULE 10.620

**TRAFFIC MATTERS WILL NO LONGER BE HEARD AT HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER –
LAGUNA HILLS AND FILINGS WILL BE DIRECTED TO HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER –
NEWPORT BEACH**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE MARCH 4, 2013

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange is providing a 60 day notice of the change in court location for all matters heard and documents filed in traffic (infraction) cases at the Harbor Justice Center – Laguna Hills Justice Center.

The financial constraints imposed by the California state fiscal crisis as well as the repeated decreases in state court funding compel this change in court location.

All traffic violations issued on or after March 18, 2013 and occurring within the current filing location protocol for the Harbor Justice Center – Laguna Hills (<http://www.occourts.org/media/pdf/filing-court-locator.pdf>) will be cited to appear and be filed at the Harbor Justice Center – Newport Beach (4601 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660). The Laguna Hills facility will continue to serve the public and handle scheduled hearings through Friday, May 3, 2013.

Effective Monday, May 6, 2013:

All open traffic cases and pending hearings will be transferred to the Harbor Justice Center – Newport Beach.

Invitation to Comment

All public comments regarding this change in location for traffic matters can be directed to:
publicnoticecomment@occourts.org



*The Superior Court of California
County of Imperial*

**NOTICE OF REDUCED
DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

**ON THE IMMINENT REDUCTION OF DAYS AND HOURS OF
OPERATION OF THE WINTERHAVEN BRANCH COURT**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of over \$1 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2013. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with three months until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increase efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. The Court concluded that reducing the days of operation of the Winterhaven branch court would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and operation would improve efficiency. **Therefore, pursuant to California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620(e) & (f), the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial is hereby giving urgent notice that the court in Winterhaven will have a reduction in days of operation effective May 22, 2013.**

The Winterhaven Court will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (California time) and will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Infraction and current misdemeanor calendars will continue to be heard at the regularly scheduled time at this location.

The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested person or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

Email: infodesk@imperial.courts.ca.gov

- OR -

Correspondence: Superior Court of California
County of Imperial
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As required by California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620 all public input received shall be provided to the person or persons making these difficult decisions.

Public Notice

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

April 2, 2013.

WMAAdmin@kern.courts.ca.gov

Upcoming Service Changes -- Notice per Government Code 68106

The Superior Court, County of Kern, has realized significant, permanent budget reductions of \$9.7 Million or 27% of base funding since 2008. While the Court has implemented a number of cost savings measures—reductions in staff, increased pass through of pension and health care benefits to court employees, reduction of controllable expenses in excess of \$3 Million—the court will have a structural deficit of \$3.7 Million in the upcoming 2013-2014 budget year. In the past, the Court has been able to utilize savings from local cost cutting measures to balance the annual budget deficits to date. However, these savings are required by the Governor's budget to be depleted by the end of the upcoming budget year. Therefore, permanent service reductions, as described below, are required to balance the Court's budget.

You may submit a comment on these planned closures using the email address, WMAAdmin@kern.courts.ca.gov on these planned closures.

1) **Reduction of Clerks' Office Hours:** The Court's last service hour reduction occurred in 2009. At that time, the Court instituted the following clerk's office hours: service counters, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; and telephone hours, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Given current court employee vacancy rates of 24% and the requirement to further reduce staffing by 20 to 25 additional positions in July 2013—the Court can no longer maintain current service levels.

- **Effective June 10, 2013: Clerks' office hours will be reduced.** All court service counters will be open and telephone services will be available from 8:00 AM to 3:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 AM to Noon on Fridays. Courtrooms are not impacted by this change and will remain open from 8:00 to 5:00.

Note: the court has installed drop boxes at all court locations, except Kern River. Documents placed in the drop box by 5:00 PM will be deemed filed on that date.

2) **Kern River Court Branch, Located in Lake Isabella (East Division), Closure:** Located at 7046 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, this branch has one courtroom and a clerk's office. Currently the location is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM . Budget reductions do not allow the court to maintain this level of operation at this location.

- **Effective June 10, 2013: The Kern River Branch in Lake Isabella will be closed.** All in-custody calendars, Felony and Misdemeanor, will be transferred from the Kern River Branch, Lake Isabella, to the Metro Division in Bakersfield. All out-of-custody misdemeanor cases and all civil cases—Small Claims, and Limited Civil Matters up to \$25,000—will be heard at the Ridgecrest Branch of the Superior Court (East Division), located at 132 E. Coso Ave, Ridgecrest, CA

Note: A drop box will NOT be available in Lake Isabella.

- 3) **Taft/Maricopa Branch Court (South Division), Reduced Services:** Located at 311 Lincoln Street, in Taft, this branch has one courtroom and a clerk's office. Currently this location is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Effective September 9, 2013: The Taft/Maricopa branch will only be open one day per week, Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Branch will only hear Small Claims, Limited Civil up to \$25,000, and local traffic infractions. The Branch will only accept filings for matters to be heard at that location.

1. All CHP traffic infraction matters will be filed and heard at the Arvin/Lamont Branch (South Division), located at 12022 Main Street, Lamont California;
2. All Felony matters will be filed and heard at the Arvin/Lamont Branch;
3. All Misdemeanor matters will be filed and heard at the Arvin/Lamont Branch;
4. Court users may file civil and local traffic documents at the Taft/Maricopa Branch facility on Thursdays, when the court will be in operation or at any other court location in Kern County during normal business hours.

Note: A drop box will be available on Thursdays at the Taft Regional Court Facility for submitting local civil and traffic filings.

- 4) **Court Reporters. Metropolitan Division:** Currently, when court reporter services are available, the Court provides court reporters in Family Law and Unlimited Civil Matters.
- **Effective June 10, 2013:** Court reporter services provided by the Court for family law matters and unlimited civil matters will be discontinued with the exception of contempt, domestic violence, and abandonment proceedings. Per the Government Code, parties may provide their own court reporters for hearings in which no court provided services are available. A protocol for the use of contract reporters is under development and will be posted by June 1, 2013.

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

(for posting no later April 11, 2013)

ACTION TO CLOSE MULTIPLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSES

Pursuant to Government Code § 68106(b)(1), the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles provides this 60-day notice of its intention to close or to severely reduce services in the following courthouses, effective June 14, 2013:

Courthouse

Beverly Hills
Catalina Island
Huntington Park
Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center
Malibu
Pomona North
San Pedro
West Los Angeles
Whittier

The proposed action is detailed in the attachments to this Notice. Any interested person or entity wishing to comment must send their comment to the court in writing or electronically as follows:

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This Notice and attachment are available for public viewing at all court locations and on the Court's Web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



WILLIAM MITCHELL
Interim Executive Officer/Clerk



Attachment to Notice**ACTION TO CLOSE OR SEVERELY REDUCE SERVICES AT MULTIPLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSES****1. Beverly Hills Courthouse - 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills****SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION**

The Beverly Hills Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears felony and misdemeanor cases, traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, limited civil cases (including limited collections cases) and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Beverly Hills Courthouse as of the date of proposed severe reduction in services, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: (a) felony and misdemeanor cases at the Airport Courthouse or Van Nuys Courthouse, depending on the location of the arrest; (b) limited civil cases -- *excluding* limited collections cases (as defined in the California Rules of Court 3.740) -- at the Mosk Courthouse; (c) limited collections cases at the Chatsworth Courthouse; and (d) small claims cases at the Inglewood Courthouse.

Traffic and non-traffic infraction cases for certain law enforcement agencies will continue to be filed and arraigned at the Beverly Hills Courthouse, but traffic trials will be conducted at the Santa Monica Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Beverly Hills Courthouse to all adjudications other than traffic arraignments is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

2. Catalina Island Courthouse - 215 Sumner Avenue, Avalon**SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION**

The Catalina Island Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears one-day-per-week limited felony and misdemeanor cases, traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, limited civil cases (including unlawful detainers and collections) and small claims cases. Hearings for permanent restraining orders are also conducted once a week at this location.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

The Catalina Island Courthouse will reduce its hearing days to every other Friday, beginning June 14, 2013. Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Catalina Island Courthouse as of that date will be filed and heard as follows: (a) felony cases; (b) all in-custody misdemeanor cases; (c) misdemeanors cases alleging violations by non-residents of Catalina Island, and (d) traffic cases alleging violations by non-residents of Catalina Island at the Long Beach Courthouse.

Pleadings can be filed at the Catalina Courthouse on alternating Friday hearing dates and a drop box for non-time critical filings will be available.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The reduction in services at the Catalina Island Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

3. Huntington Park Courthouse - 6548 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Huntington Park Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, limited civil cases (including limited unlawful detainers and limited collections) and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Huntington Park Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: (a) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the Compton Courthouse; (b) small claims cases at the Downey Courthouse; (c) limited civil cases -- *excluding* limited unlawful detainers and limited collections cases (as defined in the California Rules of Court 3.740) -- at the Mosk Courthouse; (d) limited unlawful detainer cases at the Long Beach; and (e) limited collections cases at the Norwalk Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Huntington Park Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

4. Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center - 7625 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center currently accepts for filing and hears juvenile delinquency

cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: detained and non-detained petitions at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse, the Compton Courthouse, the Inglewood Juvenile Courthouse, the Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse and the Long Beach Courthouse, depending on the law enforcement agency.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

5. Malibu Courthouse - 23525 West Civic Center Way, Malibu

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Malibu Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears misdemeanor cases, and traffic and non-traffic infractions cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Malibu Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: (a) misdemeanor cases at the Van Nuys Courthouse; and (b) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the Santa Monica Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Malibu Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

6. Pomona Courthouse North - 350 West Mission Boulevard, Pomona

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Pomona Courthouse North currently accepts for filing and hears misdemeanor cases, traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, limited unlawful detainer and collections cases, and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Pomona Courthouse North, as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be heard as follows: (a) misdemeanor cases at Pomona Courthouse South ; (b) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the West Covina and El Monte Courthouses, depending on the law enforcement agency; (c) limited unlawful detainer cases at the Pasadena Courthouse; and (d) small claims cases at the Alhambra Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Pomona Courthouse North is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

7. **San Pedro - 505 South Centre Street, San Pedro**

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The San Pedro Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, unlimited civil cases, civil harassment and domestic violence restraining orders, limited civil cases (including limited unlawful detainers and limited collections cases), and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the San Pedro Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: (a) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the Long Beach Courthouse; (b) unlimited civil cases at the Long Beach Courthouse, *excluding* personal injury cases (which will be filed and heard at the Mosk Courthouse); (c) limited civil cases -- *excluding* limited unlawful detainers and limited collections cases (as defined in the California Rules of Court 3.740) -- at the Mosk Courthouse; (d) limited unlawful detainer cases at the Long Beach Courthouse; (e) limited collections cases at the Norwalk Courthouse, (f) small claims cases at the Downey Courthouse; and (f) civil harassment and domestic violence restraining orders at the Long Beach Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the San Pedro Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

8. **West Los Angeles Courthouse - 1633 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles**

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The West Los Angeles Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears traffic and non-traffic infractions cases and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the West Los Angeles Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be filed and heard as follows: (a) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the Beverly Hills Courthouse and (b) small claims cases at the Inglewood Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the West Los Angeles Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.

9. Whittier Courthouse - 7339 South Painter Avenue, Whittier

SERVICES AT THIS LOCATION

The Whittier Courthouse currently accepts for filing and hears limited felony and misdemeanor cases, traffic and non-traffic infractions cases, limited civil cases (including limited unlawful detainers and limited collections cases (as defined in the California Rules of Court 3.740) and small claims cases.

IMPACT OF CLOSURE

Matters formerly accepted for filing and heard at the Whittier Courthouse as of the date of proposed closure, which is expected to be on or about June 14, 2013, will be heard as follows: (a) limited felony and misdemeanor cases at Bellflower Courthouse and Downey Courthouse, depending on the law enforcement agency; (b) traffic and non-traffic infractions cases at the Bellflower Courthouse and Downey Courthouse depending on the law enforcement agency; (c) limited civil cases -- *excluding* unlawful detainers and collections cases (as defined in the California Rules of Court 3.740) -- at the Mosk Courthouse; (d) limited unlawful detainer cases at the Long Beach Courthouse; (e) limited collections cases at the Norwalk Courthouse; and (f) small claims cases at the Downey Courthouse.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of the Whittier Courthouse is part of a broader court consolidation plan to achieve significant cost savings at a time of unprecedented budget cuts.



*The Superior Court of California
County of Imperial*

April 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF
COURT CLOSURE**

**ON THE IMMINENT CLOSURE OF THE
CALEXICO BRANCH COURT**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Imperial Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of over \$1 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2013. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with two months until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. The Court concluded that closing the Calexico branch court and consolidating these operations into the courts in El Centro would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and improve efficiency. **Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 68106(b), the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial is hereby giving urgent notice that the court in Calexico will close at the end of business on June 14, 2013.**

The centralization of court services in the City of El Centro will provide the opportunity to improve operational efficiency for core court services. The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested persons or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

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Comments will be reviewed within sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice. As required by Government Code section 68106(b)(2)(A), the court will review and consider all public comments received.



*The Superior Court of California
County of Imperial*

April 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN
COURT LOCATION**

**ON THE IMMINENT CLOSURE OF THE JAIL COURT AND
CESSATION OF CLERK'S SERVICES, WITH TRANSFER OF
OPERATIONS TO THE BRAWLEY COURTHOUSE**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Imperial Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of over \$1 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2013. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with two months until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. The Court concluded that closure of the Jail Court and cessation of jail clerk's services, with transfer of those operations to the Brawley Courthouse, would realize a significant and immediate cost savings. **Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 68106(b), the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial is hereby giving urgent notice that the Jail Court and associated clerk's services will cease operations, with those functions relocating to the Brawley Courthouse, at the end of business on June 28, 2013.**

The centralization of court services will provide the opportunity to improve operational efficiency for core court services. The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested persons or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

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*The Superior Court of California
County of Imperial*

April 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN
COURT LOCATION**

**ON THE IMMINENT CLOSURE OF THE JUVENILE COURT
AND CESSATION OF CLERK'S SERVICES, WITH TRANSFER
OF OPERATIONS TO THE EL CENTRO COURTHOUSE**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Imperial Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of over \$1 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2013. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with two months until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. The Court concluded that closure of the Juvenile Court that operates twice each week in the Department of Probation, and cessation of clerk's services there, with transfer of those functions to the El Centro Courthouse, would realize a significant and immediate cost savings. **Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 68106(b), the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial is hereby giving urgent notice that the Juvenile Court and associated clerk's services will cease operations, with those functions relocating to the El Centro Courthouse, at the end of business on July 5, 2013.**

The centralization of court services in the City of El Centro will provide the opportunity to improve operational efficiency for core court services. The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested persons or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

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Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino
PUBLIC NOTICE
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: April 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF OPERATION OF ONE COURTROOM IN BARSTOW COURT,
REDUCTION IN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION AND
REASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, previously noticed its intention to close all courtrooms in the Barstow District and reassign the cases pending in the Barstow District, effective May 6, 2013. Following the announcement of that closure, the Judicial Council of California distributed unused monies from a statewide 2% reserve to courts throughout the state. Of this amount, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, is scheduled to receive one-time, only, funding of approximately \$1.2 million. These funds will allow the Court to maintain operation of the Barstow District on a temporary basis.

There are presently four (4) courtrooms in operation in the Barstow District.

Effective May 6, 2013, one (1) courtroom in Barstow will operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding. The remaining three (3) courtrooms in the Barstow District will be closed, effective May 6, 2013.

The clerk's office of the Barstow District is presently open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays.

Effective May 6, 2013, the public service hours for the clerk's office of the Barstow District will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, except court holidays, through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding.

A drop box is provided to receive documents during the court hours/days the clerk's office is closed.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types, presently heard in the Barstow District, will continue to be filed and heard in the Barstow District:

- Traffic infractions
- Non-traffic infractions (e.g. code enforcement, fish and game, etc.)
- Landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer)
- Small claims
- Domestic violence restraining orders
- Civil harassment restraining orders
- Name change petitions
- Petitions for the return of firearms

All other civil unlimited and limited cases, excluding small claims cases, landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, domestic violence restraining orders, civil harassment restraining orders, name change petitions and petitions for the return of firearms, presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415, effective May 6, 2013.

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal, Family Law, Traffic and Probate Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types, presently heard in the Barstow District, will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392.

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- Family law
- Adoptions

Parties with existing cases set for hearing on or after May 6, 2013 will be notified by mail of the department to which their case has been reassigned.

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, projects a significant deficit after June 21, 2014; and, therefore, the Court will not be able to continue to operate Barstow after that date absent additional funding. During the next 15 months, court leaders will continue to partner with city and county officials and work with state, judicial, legislative and executive branch leaders to identify funding solutions sufficient to maintain appropriate levels of operation for all San Bernardino communities on an ongoing basis.

This notice has been posted on the Court's website www.sb-court.org.

