

## 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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Comments will be received 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.