



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED**
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Ms. Jody Patel
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RE: Notification Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to the above code section, the Superior Court of California, County of Merced, is providing 60 day notice of the reduction in operational hours for the public filing windows and telephones in the Clerk's Offices. A copy of the public notice is enclosed.

Effective June 13, 2014 and every Friday up through January 2, 2015, all Clerk's offices in the Merced Superior Court will be closed to the public.

Merced Superior Court finds this reduction in operating hours necessary and unavoidable as a result of the budget crisis facing the Judicial Branch. The reduction in the Clerk's Offices hours on Friday will provide time for court staff to process cases timely and allow them to devote their time in assisting with the implementation of a new case management system.

Sincerely,

Linda Romero Soles
Court Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: Hon. Brian L. McCabe, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Merced
Hon. Ronald W. Hansen, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Merced

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION

Superior Court of California, County of Merced

Effective June 13, 2014:

Notice of Reduction in Operating Hours-All Clerk's Offices will close every Friday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. commencing June 13, 2014 through January 2, 2015.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Merced is providing 60 day notice of the reduction in operational hours for the public filing windows and telephones in the Clerk's Offices.

Currently the operating hours for the Merced Superior Court Clerk's Office filing windows and telephones are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

Effective Friday, June 13, 2014, the operating hours for the Clerk's Office filing windows and telephones will be Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., excluding holidays. A document drop box is available at each court location to receive documents after 3:00 p.m.

Over the past five years the California Judicial Branch budget has suffered a reduction of \$1.3 billion statewide. The reduction in the Clerk's Office hours on Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. will provide time for court staff to process cases timely and allow them to devote their time in assisting with the implementation of a new case management system that will allow the public better access to the courts.

Please see the Superior Court web site for additional information: www.merced.courts.ca.gov