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## **Consolidation of Family Law Departments**

Family Law department in the Morgan Hill Courthouse will merge with main operations at the Park Avenue Courthouse in San José, effective January 19, 2016.

SAN JOSÉ, California (November 12, 2015): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara will be consolidating the Family Law department in the Morgan Hill Courthouse with the main operations at the Park Avenue Courthouse, effective January 19, 2016. This relocation is part of a larger transition resulting from the move into the new Family Justice Center Courthouse in downtown San José.

"Our vision for a comprehensive Family Justice Center has been decades in the making and we are tremendously excited to be so close to fulfilling this dream. While it's unfortunate that this consolidation will mean increased travel time for some of our South County residents, the incredible advantages that come from co-locating a wide array of Family Law related services is a clear benefit for all residents of this county," said Presiding Judge Risë Jones Pichon.

Until the opening of the new facility in 2016, parties formerly served by the Morgan Hill Courthouse will file and have their cases heard at the Park Avenue Courthouse. The consolidation will also offer easier access to more Self Help and Domestic Violence related services that have not been previously available to Morgan Hill Courthouse users due to budget reductions.

For questions or comments related to this change, contact the Court's Public Information Officer, Joe Macaluso.

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