Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Alex Calvo Executive Officer



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October 25, 2011

Ms. Althea Lowe-Thomas
Acting Regional Administrative Director
Bay Area Northern Coastal Regional Office
Judicial Council of California
Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Notification of Court Closures Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

Dear Ms. Lowe-Thomas:

Please accept this letter as notice that the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County intends to offer limited services for four days during Fiscal Year 2011-2012 due to significant financial constraints brought on by the continuing state budget crisis.

The limited service days will run concurrent with days that the County of Santa Cruz is taking as furlough. This coordination will minimize the impact on justice system partners and court users county-wide. The court will use a single courtroom at the main Santa Cruz courthouse to hear all mandatory last-day criminal matters, criminal arraignments, juvenile dependency and delinquency matters, civil ex-partes and domestic violence ex-partes. The court will also operate Criminal and Civil Clerks' Offices in Santa Cruz during regular business hours. The Watsonville Courthouse will be closed during these selected days.

The four days selected for limited service are December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2011.

The Court has reached agreements with its local bargaining units for these days and many represented employees will take these days as furlough. The court will achieve savings of approximately \$80,000 by implementing these limited service days.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this subject. I can be reached at 831-420-2401 or by email at alex.calvo@santacruzcourt.org.

Sincerely,

Alex Calvo

Court Executive Officer

cc: Jeffery J. Almquist, Presiding Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COURTROOMS IN SANTA CRUZ AND WATSONVILLE

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The court will operate Criminal and Civil Clerks' Offices in Santa Cruz during regular business hours (8 A.M. to 3 P.M.) during the limited service week; however, the Watsonville Courthouse will be closed completely during these selected days. All locations will resume normal hours of operation and full use of courtrooms beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2012.