



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KINGS

*** * *PUBLIC NOTICE* * ***

Pursuant to Government Code §68106

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of Kings County hereby gives notice of its proposed intent to reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments between December 24, 2013 and January 1, 2014, as follows:

1. Between December 24, 2013 and January 1, 2014, the Court's Avenal and Corcoran Divisions will be closed. Only the Hanford Division of the Kings County Superior Court will remain open for business.
2. The Jury Office will be closed between December 24, 2013 and January 1, 2014, any questions regarding jury service should be directed to the Clerk of the Court at the Hanford Courthouse.
3. On December 24, 2013, the Hanford Courthouse will close at noon. There will be no hearings nor other proceedings scheduled after 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2013. The Clerk's Office will close at 12:00 p.m., however a drop box for documents and payments will be available. Documents and payments deposited therein before 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2013 will be deemed filed/received on that date. Documents/payments received after 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2013, will be filed/received on December 26, 2013. Drop boxes will be located in Buildings A and B of the Hanford Courthouse located at 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California 93230. The drop box located in Building A will be located on the south-end of the building and the one in Building B will be located on the north-end of the building.
4. On December 26, 2013 through December 31, 2013, staffing of all departments of the Hanford Courthouse will be reduced. During this period of reduced staffing, the Hanford Courthouse Clerk's Office will revert back to its pre-December 24, 2013 hours of operation; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
5. On December 25, 2013 and January 1, 2014, the Hanford Courthouse will be closed. Pre-December 24, 2013 operations and staffing levels will be restored to all Divisions of the Kings County Superior Court on January 2, 2014.

The Superior Court Judges in Kings County have concluded that this temporary closure of outlying divisions and/or limitation in staffing levels and hours of the Hanford Courthouse is necessary in order to address the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever experienced. The limitation of hours and services set forth above is just one of many cost-saving steps taken by the Court to address California's fiscal crisis.

Any interested person or entity wishing to comment on the court's plan of action should direct the same on or before November 18, 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.