

The Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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July 2, 2012

Ms. Debora Morrison
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Re: Notification Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Effective Monday, September 3, 2012, due to the severe and ongoing reductions imposed on the California judicial branch, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego will implement the following reductions in hours of clerks' offices and closure of courtrooms and court services:

- All clerks' business offices of the San Diego Superior Court will be closed to the public each Friday at 12:00 noon. Our clerk's business offices currently close at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Business hours will be unaffected Monday through Thursday.
- Probate Court operations located at 325 S. Melrose Drive, Vista, will be consolidated and relocated to the Central Division Probate Court located at 1409 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. Probate filings will no longer be accepted at the Vista Branch. All existing Probate cases will be transferred to the downtown Probate Court as of September 3, 2012.
- The Ramona court facility located at 1428 Montecito Road, Ramona, including its courtroom and clerk's office will close effective September 3, 2012. The Ramona Branch will no longer hold court or receive filings from the public at this location.
- One juvenile dependency courtroom located at 325 S. Melrose Drive, Vista will be closed and the judge assigned to this calendar will be reassigned within the North County Branch Court to another assignment, effective September 3, 2012.
- One civil and six criminal courtrooms in the downtown Central Division will be closed effective September 3, 2012. The judges assigned to these courtrooms will be reassigned to other duties within the Superior Court.

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As you are well aware, since 2007-08, the funding for the California judicial branch has been reduced by \$653 million. In addition, the 2012-13 state budget contains additional branch reductions of \$544 million. The cumulative effect in San Diego since 2007-08 will be a reduction in our operating revenue of approximately 25%.

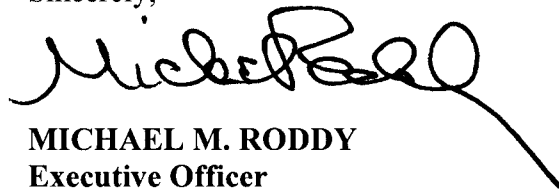
To address the cuts over the past four fiscal years, our court has implemented a number of reductions. We have previously reduced business operating hours in 2009, reduced staff through attrition and a voluntary separation program, reduced our operating expenses and technology expenses and implemented other wage and benefit reductions to limit the impact of our budget cuts on public access to our courts. However, with the latest round of cuts in the 2012-13 budget, we can no longer continue to operate without additional significant and permanent changes in our operations.

In addition to the reduced public hours in our clerks' business offices and courtroom closures, our budget reduction plans include layoffs and furloughs of court staff, further cuts in operating and technology expenses, and the closure of additional courtrooms by the beginning of FY 2013-14 when we expect further reductions in our local court budget. We estimate that by the beginning of FY 2013-14 we will need to reduce our current operating budget by \$40 million. These very difficult decisions being enacted by the court will enable us to meet this target.

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, the public may submit comments regarding these changes. We have attached the public notices that will be posted throughout our facilities and posted to our court website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov) to notify the public and court users of these proposed changes and the name and address where their comments can be directed.

We are available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding these most unfortunate, but necessary actions that will erode the public's access to our San Diego court system.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL M. RODDY
Executive Officer

Attachments

c: Hon. Robert J. Trentacosta, Presiding Judge
Hon. David J. Danielsen, Assistant Presiding Judge

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106 & California Rule of Court 10.620)

PROBATE COURT CONSOLIDATION

Pursuant to Government Code §68106 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is providing 60 days' notice of the decision to close the North County Probate Courtroom and consolidate Probate Services in its North County Division with its Central Division Services.

Effective September 3, 2012, all Probate Court operations located at 325 Melrose Avenue, Vista, CA 92081 will be consolidated with and relocated to the Central Division Probate Court located at 1409 Fourth Avenue, San Diego CA 92101. This action is being taken due to unprecedented and ongoing state budget cuts enacted in Fiscal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years. As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history.

Pursuant to Government Code section §68511.7, the Court is inviting public comment on this change prior to implementation. To ensure prompt review and consideration, comments should be submitted electronically through the Court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov (click on "*Invitation to Comment*").

For those without easy internet access, comments may be mailed to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106 & California Rule of Court 10.620)

**CLOSURE OF NORTH COUNTY JUVENILE
DEPENDENCY COURTROOM**

Pursuant to Government Code §68106 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is providing 60 days' notice of the decision to close one of its North County Juvenile Dependency courtrooms.

Effective September 3, 2012, one of the Juvenile Dependency courtrooms located at 325 South Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081 will be closed. This action is being taken due to unprecedented and ongoing state budget cuts enacted in Fiscal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years. As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history.

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BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSURES

Pursuant to Government Code §68106 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is providing 60 days' notice of the decision to close all of its business offices at noon every Friday.

Effective September 3, 2012, all clerks' business offices located at all San Diego Superior Court facilities will be closed to the public on Fridays starting at 12:00 noon. These partial closure days are not court holidays, so statutory deadlines will not be extended. However, drop boxes are currently provided outside clerical offices for filing papers or submitting payments, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.210. This action is being taken due to unprecedented and ongoing state budget cuts. The San Diego Court has estimated that it faces as much as a \$14 million cut in funding for FY 2012-2013, and predicts the total cuts for fiscal year 2013-2014 could rise to \$40 million or more. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years. As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history.

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CLOSURE OF CENTRAL COURTROOMS

Pursuant to Government Code §68106 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is providing 60 days' notice of the decision to close six criminal courtrooms and one civil courtroom in its Central Division.

Effective September 3, 2012, six criminal courtrooms located at 220 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101 and one civil courtroom located at 330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101, will be closed. This action is being taken due to unprecedented and ongoing state budget cuts enacted in Fiscal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years. As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history.

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RAMONA COURT CLOSURE

Pursuant to Government Code §68106 and California Rules of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is providing 60 days' notice of the decision to close the Ramona Courthouse.

Effective September 3, 2012, the Ramona court facility located at 1428 Montecito Road, Ramona CA, 92065 (including its courtroom and clerk's office) will close, and all case matters will be relocated to the East County Division Courthouse located at 250 East Main Street, El Cajon CA 92020. This action is being taken due to unprecedented and ongoing state budget cuts enacted in Fiscal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years. As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history.

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