



# *Superior Court of California*

COUNTY OF VENTURA  
Hall of Justice  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

*Michael D. Planet*  
*Executive Officer/Clerk*  
*and Jury Commissioner*

April 19, 2012

Jody Patel  
Interim Administrative Director  
Judicial Council of California - Administrative Office of the Courts  
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400  
Sacramento, Ca 95833

**Re: Notification of SUSPENSION OF SERVICES AT THE EAST COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE EFFECTIVE June 25, 2012 (Government Code §68106)**

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to the above code section, the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, is providing 60 days notice of its plan to suspend all court operations, except for Traffic payments and Collection payments at the East County Courthouse branch located at 3855-F Alamo Street, Simi Valley, California on June 25, 2012. All operations related to Family Law, Unlawful Detainer, Small Claims and Criminal/Traffic Court (except for making criminal/traffic payments) will be relocated to the main courthouse located at the Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

The proposed changes are due to the continued significant reduction in funding for the California court system. The Ventura Superior Court is facing a \$10.5 million dollar deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 2012, which is projected to increase to \$12.7 million if the Governor's proposed tax initiatives are not passed by the voters in the November general election. (See the attached Public Notice for more information regarding the impact of reductions to the court's funding.)

Jody Patel  
Director, Southern Regional Office  
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The Court recognizes and regrets that this decision will greatly inconvenience Ventura County residents. However, due to inadequate funding, the Court cannot maintain the current level of services.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Planet  
Executive Officer

cc: Christine Patton, Regional Administrative Director

MDP/vjb  
Encls.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**(Government Code §68106)**

**Superior Court of California, County of Ventura**

**RESPONDING TO THE FISCAL CRISIS THE VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT IS  
PLANNING TO SUSPEND SERVICES AT THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND  
RELOCATE SERVICES TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE IN VENTURA**

The Ventura Superior Court is planning on suspending all court operations, except for Traffic payments and Collection payments at the East County Courthouse branch located at 3855-F Alamo Street, Simi Valley, California on June 25, 2012. All operations related to Family Law, Unlawful Detainer, Small Claims and Criminal/Traffic Court (except for making criminal/traffic payments) will be relocated to the main courthouse located at the Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

The Ventura Superior Court is facing a \$10.5 million dollar deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 2012, which is projected to increase to \$12.7 million if the Governor's proposed tax initiatives are not passed by the voters in the November general election. In addressing the continuing growing deficit the court must implement additional cost reduction measures including additional layoffs. Family Law, Unlawful Detainer, Small Claims and Criminal/Traffic are case types that are currently also filed and heard at the main courthouse located at the Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue. Relocating these cases to the main courthouse will allow for greater efficiencies by processing all the above listed case types in one court location with further reduced staff. While the court regrets that inadequate funding is reducing access to the courts for the citizens of this county, it cannot maintain the current level of services.

Anyone wishing to comment on this plan may do so, either by regular mail or e-mail, by June 22, 2012. Please direct your response to:

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