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Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director
Judicial Council of California
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Re: Temporary Consolidation of Services
Notification Pursuant to Government Code section 68106

Dear Mr. Hoshino:

Due to a diminished caseload during the holidays, the Fresno Superior Court intends to close the "M" Street and B.F. Sisk Courthouses temporarily and consolidate the Clerk's Offices into the Main and Juvenile Justice Courthouses on the following dates: December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2019 and January 2 and 3, 2020. This temporary closure will also include the Self-Help Center and Archives Department.

These changes are a result of the Court's strategic planning for operational efficiency during the slower holiday season. The temporary relocation of departments from the B.F. Sisk and "M" Street Courthouses to the Main and Juvenile Justice Courthouses on these dates will provide the Court with the opportunity to better utilize staff resources.

The Court will have employees available to assist the public for Traffic, Civil/Small Claims, Probate, Family Law/Family Support, and Criminal to ensure that equal access to justice is not compromised. Our Juvenile Justice Courthouse will also be open to serve court users for Juvenile delinquency and dependency matters. Our organization will keep the Clerk's Office hours of operation intact during this timeframe, which will remain from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Court employees who are assisting the public during this time will also be able to perform all normal Clerk's Office duties, with no change in the scope of services provided.

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, this Court has solicited for public comment in writing regarding the Court's plan for closing the Clerk's Office and reducing operations as set forth above. A copy of the public notice is attached.

Thank you again for your continued courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Simpson
Presiding Judge

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Attachment

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF FRESNO

NOTICE OF LIMITED COURT CLOSURES

December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31, 2019 and January 2 and 3, 2020

Due to a diminished caseload during the holidays, and following the required public comment procedures for 60 days,* the Fresno Superior Court hereby announces that, on the following dates only, December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31, 2019, and January 2 and 3, 2020, it will temporarily consolidate cases and all essential hearings to be heard only in the Main Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Courthouse. In addition, Clerks' Offices will be consolidated into the Main Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Courthouse. We look forward to collaborating with our Justice Partners to determine at a later date which courtrooms will be utilized during the consolidation. Courthouse status will be as follows:

• Main Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness Avenue (Criminal)	OPEN
• B. F. Sisk Courthouse, 1130 "O" Street (Civil/Family/Self-Help Center)	CLOSED
• "M" Street Courthouse, 2317 Tuolumne Street (Traffic)	CLOSED
• Juvenile Justice Courthouse, 3333 East American Avenue (Juvenile)	OPEN
• Archives Department, 1963 "E" Street	CLOSED
• Jail Annex Departments 95 & 96, 1265 "M" Street (Criminal)	CLOSED

For Clerk's Office services on the above dates, the Fresno Superior Court will have at least one window open at the Main Courthouse for each of the following departments: Traffic, Civil/Small Claims, Probate, Family Law/Family Support, and Criminal. The Clerk's Office at the Juvenile Justice Courthouse will remain open for juvenile-related matters (both delinquency and dependency). The Clerk's Office hours on these dates will remain 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each case-specific window will be open and available to perform all normal Clerk's Office duties. Services from the Self-Help Center and Archives Department will not be available.

These changes are a result of the Court's strategic planning for operational efficiency during this time of year. The temporary relocation of departments from the "M" Street and B. F. Sisk Courthouses to the Main Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Courthouse on these dates will provide the Court with the opportunity to better utilize staff resources.

*Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106, this proposal is published for public comment with a deadline of June 11, 2019. After that date, the comments will be reviewed and modifications will be made to the proposal, if necessary.