



Office of the Court Executive
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

JEFFREY E. LEWIS
Clerk of Court
and
Jury Commissioner

April 14, 2017

Ms. Jody Patel
Chief of Staff
Judicial Council of California
2880 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA. 95833-3509

RE: Notification of Reduced Service Hours Pursuant to Government Code §68106

Dear Ms. Patel,

This letter serves as the formal 60-day notice, pursuant to GC §68106, that the Kings County Superior Court intends to reduce public telephone hours from the current 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, effective June 14, 2017. The current telephone hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Friday(s) will remain the same.

Our current public window hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Friday(s) will remain the same.

Due to the continued effects of ongoing underfunding, years of extreme cost-saving measures and a reduction in staff, our backlog of case processing and case dispositions continue to increase. The collective result of this backlog impacts our justice partners as well as public safety.

I have enclosed a copy of our Public Notice entitled, "Reduced Service Hours," which will be posted at the courthouse and on the court's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JE Lewis'.

Jeffrey E. Lewis
Court Executive Officer



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

Steven D. Barnes
Presiding Judge
of the
Superior Court

Jeffrey E. Lewis
Clerk of Court
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*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****

Reduced Service Hours

April 14, 2017

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106, effective June 14, 2017, the Superior Court of Kings County, including jury services, hereby gives notice of its intent to reduce telephone hours from its *current* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; to *new hours* of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The telephone hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday(s) will remain the same.

Our current public window filing hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday(s), will remain the same. Fax and e-filing hours will remain between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Friday(s). Please note that any filings submitted to the court, for a hearing scheduled the following day, must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., the day prior of the hearing.

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Any interested person or entity wishing to comment on the Court's plan of action should direct the same on or before June 13, 2017 to Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer at Kings County Superior Court, 1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, California, 93230. You may also send your comments via email to jlewis@kings.courts.ca.gov. All public input will be considered.