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Invitation to Comment: Proposed Courthouse Site Selection and Acquisition Policy

WHO: The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) invites members of the public to review and comment on a proposed policy update intended to ensure that the decisionmaking process to select sites for new courthouses is clear, consistent, and equitable.

WHAT: The proposed policy identifies the criteria under which sites will be considered, selected, and acquired for new trial and appellate courthouses, in the context of a project's budget and schedule. It also clarifies responsibilities of the AOC and each project's Project Advisory Group in evaluating and selecting sites.

WHEN: Proposed policy posted: **April 6, 2009**
Comment deadline: **May 5, 2009**

WHERE: Weblinks:

- [Proposed Policy Update](#)
- [Review and Comment Form](#)
- E-mail to: occcomments@jud.ca.gov
- [Office of Court Construction and Management Website](#)

WHY: The AOC is undertaking an unprecedented effort to replace courthouses that are unsafe, overcrowded, and in poor condition. Siting decisions are important, because local communities care about where new courthouses are located, not only because of their civic importance, but also because they can spur economic development and positively influence the overall quality of the surrounding environment.

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