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Grand Opening Reception for the New Merced Courthouse, June 8

- WHAT:** The new downtown Merced courthouse is a 57,600-square-foot building and is the first new court facility to be constructed in Merced since 1950. Construction was completed on March 30. The reception will include remarks by those involved in the project followed by light refreshments and tours of the new facility.
- WHEN:** Friday, June 8, 2007
2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** 2260 N Street, Jury Assembly Room
Merced, California
- WHY:** This court facility, which opened in April, is home to six new courtrooms with the potential for adding a seventh courtroom. The new courthouse meets the Judicial Council's standards for the design of trial court facilities by providing secure hallways for the public, judicial officers, and staff and separate hallways and holding areas for in-custody defendants.
- The project was collaboratively funded by the county, the court, and the state, using county courthouse construction funds, civil assessments, court funds, and a first-time capital appropriation from the judicial branch State Court Facilities Construction Fund.
- WHO:** Attending are Justice Marvin R. Baxter, representing the California Supreme Court; Presiding Judge John D. Kirihiro of the Superior Court of Merced County; Judge Frank Dougherty of the Superior Court of Merced County; Mr. John Pedrozo, Chair of the Merced County Board of Supervisors; Ms. Kathleen Crookham of the Merced County

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Board of Supervisors; Ms. Kathleen Goetsch, Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Merced County; and Ms. Rona G. Rothenberg of the Office of Court Construction and Management for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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