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Court of Appeal to Celebrate Courthouse Groundbreaking in Santa Ana October 9

Innovative Courthouse to Anchor Santa Ana Civic Center

Santa Ana—The Court of Appeal for the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, will launch construction of a new courthouse at a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 601 West Santa Ana Boulevard in Santa Ana.

California Chief Justice Ronald M. George will be the keynote speaker and Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido will also make remarks at the ceremony, which will be hosted by Presiding Justice David G. Sills on behalf of the Court of Appeal.

“After seven years of planning,” said Justice Sills, “we are grateful our efforts may now be turned to building a cost effective, efficient, and dignified courthouse suitable for this court’s first permanent home.”

The groundbreaking will celebrate construction of the first courthouse to be designed and built entirely under the auspices of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The building will occupy a prominent, previously vacant corner of the Civic Center that includes Santa Ana City Hall and the U.S. Courthouse.

Once completed, the new three-story, 52,000 square-foot building will set a standard for efficient appellate court design – accommodating up to 100 people in quality work spaces with direct but controlled natural light as well as simple, unobtrusive security measures. The building is designed to consume 15% less energy annually than the state energy efficiency requirement.

The completion of the court facility is anticipated by spring 2009. For more information see www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/4dca.htm .

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News media interested in attending the groundbreaking should contact Kevin Stinson at the Court of Appeal at 714-480-3264.

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