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Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye to Speak at Groundbreaking of New San Bernardino Justice Center

Who: Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye will speak at a ceremony to mark the start of construction for the new San Bernardino Justice Center in downtown San Bernardino. Other speakers will include Presiding Judge Douglas M. Elwell of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Mayor Patrick J. Morris, Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey, and Court Executive Officer Tressa S. Kentner.

When: March 18, 2011, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

What: The event will include remarks and a ceremonial groundbreaking. Guests should plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to allow for parking and seating.

Where: Southeast Corner of Third Street and Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino.

Why: This project will improve public access and security, increase efficiency of court operations, and relieve the court's current space shortfall by replacing seven facilities and consolidating operations into a courthouse with 35 courtrooms and 2 hearing rooms. The 11-story building will occupy about seven acres donated by the City of San Bernardino directly across the street from the recently restored historic courthouse. The design, by architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, incorporates several innovative features, including ways to draw daylight into the building without heat and to collect and reuse rooftop rainwater. The building's sustainability features will qualify it to receive LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Construction manager at risk Rudolph and Sletten is currently conducting bidding among prequalified subcontractors for the project, which is expected to generate hundreds of construction jobs over the next two years. Construction is scheduled to begin this year, after the state's sale of lease-revenue bonds that will finance construction. The State Treasurer's Office will determine timing of the bond sale, after which bids will be awarded and construction will begin. These are lease-revenue bonds, not general obligation bonds. The revenues to repay them come from within the judicial branch from court user fees, with no impact on the state's General Fund. Construction is scheduled for completion in just over two years. More information about the project is on the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/2781.htm.

Members of the media wishing to attend the ceremony may contact Alvina Hollensbe, Superior Court of San Bernardino County, at 909-382-3532 or ahollensbe@sb-court.org

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