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Public Meeting and Invitation to Comment on Environmental Impact Report for Proposed New Glendale Courthouse

What: The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will hold a public meeting to discuss the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) draft environmental impact report (EIR) and receive public comments. This meeting is a necessary step in the CEQA process. At the meeting, the public and other interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the AOC's draft EIR.

The review period extends through 5 p.m. on October 6, 2011. The AOC's draft EIR and other project information, as well as instructions for submitting comments, are available on the California Courts website: www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-la-glendale.htm. Click the Background tab for environmental information.

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Where: City of Glendale Municipal Services Building, 633 East Broadway, Room 105, Glendale

Who: The AOC's Office of Court Construction and Management will present project information, and interested parties may ask questions, provide verbal comments, or submit written comments on the EIR.

Why: The proposed project involves the construction of a courthouse of up to five stories with a basement, on the site of the existing courthouse at 600 East Broadway in downtown Glendale. A small site behind the courthouse, at 124 South Isabel Street, will also be acquired for related parking. The Jewel City Bowl site at 135 South Glendale Avenue may also be acquired. The proposed project includes some demolition of the existing building, the existing annex, and sally port, while attempting to preserve historical elements of the building. The project will be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, fines, and penalties, with no impact on the state's General Fund. More information on the project is available at: www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-la-glendale.htm.

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