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June 27, 2012

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## **Re: NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE PURSUANT TO GC §68106**

Dear Ms. Patel:

Despite the Tulare County Superior Court effectively practicing prudent fiscal planning and implementing effective cost cutting measures responsive to the budget reductions over the past several fiscal years, the 2012-13 fiscal year brings the most severe fiscal crisis the court has faced to date. The Tulare County Superior Court faces as much as a \$3 million reduction or 15% of the \$19.7 million current operating budget. In light of such a drastic situation the court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. It has long been the court's intent to close the major operations of the Tulare division upon completion of the South County Justice Center currently under construction in Porterville. However, due to the significant budget reductions in fiscal year 2012-13, the Court concluded that closing the entire Tulare Division now would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and that consolidating these operations into the Visalia and Porterville divisions would improve efficiency.

Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 68106, the Superior Court of Tulare County is hereby giving formal notice that the court facility in Tulare will close permanently effective August 31, 2012.

The Tulare County Superior Court has not taken this decision lightly and has spent many hours analyzing and exploring options for budget reductions. I speak on behalf of the Presiding Judge and the entire court

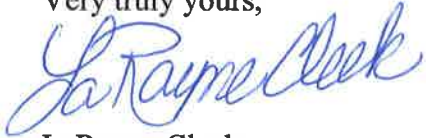
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when I say it is with great sadness and regret that we must reduce services available to the citizens of Tulare County. The court will make every effort to make the transition as seamless as possible and minimize the overall impact. A copy of the public notice that the court is posting in and about its facilities and on its website, and distributing to electronic subscribers is attached for your reference.

Very truly yours,



LaRayne Cleek  
Court Executive Officer

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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Melinda M. Reed, Presiding Judge  
Hon. Lloyd Hicks, Assistant Presiding Judge



## **NOTICE OF COURT CLOSURE** **CLOSURE OF THE** **TULARE DIVISION**

Due to the fiscal crisis in the State of California the Tulare County Superior Court and other government agencies have been forced to closely examine all operations and expenditures and to evaluate cost efficiencies wherever possible. Despite the Tulare County Superior Court effectively practicing prudent fiscal planning and implementing effective cost cutting measures responsive to the budget reductions over the past several fiscal years, the 2012-13 fiscal year brings the most severe fiscal crisis the court has faced to date. The Tulare County Superior Court faces as much as a \$3 million reduction or 15% of the \$19.7 million current operating budget. In light of such a drastic situation the court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions. It has long been the court's intent to close the major operations of the Tulare division upon completion of the South County Justice Center currently under construction in Porterville. However, due to the significant budget reductions in fiscal year 2012-13, the Court concluded that closing the entire Tulare Division now would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and that consolidating these operations into the Visalia and Porterville divisions would improve efficiency.

**Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 68106(b), the Superior Court of Tulare County is hereby giving urgent notice that the court facility in Tulare will close effective August 31, 2012.**

The centralization of court services in the City of Visalia will provide the opportunity to reduce costs and improve operational efficiency. The Court will make every effort to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as seamless as possible. Any interested person or entity who wishes to comment may do so, in writing, by either of the following methods:

E-mail: [tcsccomments@tulare.courts.ca.gov](mailto:tcsccomments@tulare.courts.ca.gov)

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