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August 18, 2011

Ms. Christine Patton
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Re: Notification Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

Dear Ms. Patton:

Effective November 1, 2011, Courtroom G at the San Mateo Superior Court Central branch location will not be utilized on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bench officer assigned to this courtroom will be utilized at other branches of the San Mateo Superior Court. This action is made necessary due to the severe and ongoing court revenue reductions from the State. The current year's reduction brings the cumulative cuts of 30 percent to the judicial system over the last three fiscal years.

Unprecedented and ongoing reductions in State court funding have necessitated the reduction of approximately 24% of our court's workforce to-date and further reductions will be required to live within the limits of our reduced funding. The Court has worked diligently to continue to meet the essential needs of court users and litigants while reducing expenses to stay in line with our authorized level of funding. Steps the Court has already taken to combat the shortfall have been considerable, including renegotiating service contracts, consolidating trial court services, reducing employee's wages due to the mandated court closures, increased benefit contributions and significant reductions in our workforce through both attrition and layoffs. With significantly fewer employees to handle the work of the court, we must continually take steps to balance our essential court workload as we strive to become even more efficient and operate within our means.

I also want to inform you of our new traffic arraignment calendaring process that we will be implementing October 31, 2011. Again, these changes are required to allow us to maintain the most essential court services with our reduced funding and workforce.

Traffic customers will be able to reserve an arraignment date in advance through the court's website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or during normal business hours by a court clerk in person at the

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traffic windows or over the phone. This will eliminate our current same day walk-in calendar process and high volume of customers lining up early each morning trying to get on calendar that day. In addition to creating needed efficiencies for our reduced workforce, we believe this new process will benefit the growing number of citizens in our County who prefer to conduct their business and appointments online or over the phone.

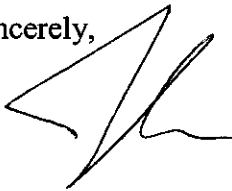
Additionally, we will be reducing the number of traffic arraignment calendars heard at our traffic branch locations effective October 31, 2011. Each branch will hear two arraignment calendars each week (as opposed to four) as follows:

Southern Branch in Redwood City:	Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
Central Branch in San Mateo:	Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Northern Branch in South San Francisco:	Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

This change will not currently affect the number of traffic trial calendars heard and those will remain as currently scheduled.

Please contact me at (650) 599-1763 if you have any questions regarding these changes.

Sincerely,



John C. Fitton
Court Executive Officer

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106)

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San Mateo, CA**

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This information is also available on our court website at www.sanmateocourt.org.