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## FACT SHEET

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### San Bernardino Justice Center

The new San Bernardino Justice Center project received initial funding in fiscal year 2007–2008. This project is one of the highest-priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

- The new building will house 35 courtrooms and two hearing rooms in 383,000 square feet.
- The original project plan involved consolidating court operations from nine facilities and replacing seven outdated and undersized buildings.
- The new courthouse will be located at the corner of West 3rd and North Arrowhead, across the street from the historic San Bernardino Courthouse. The City donated the seven-acre site for the building.
- The architecture firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill designed the building for sustainability, and it will receive LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.
- The site will include 385 surface parking spaces for court visitors and staff as well as 40 secure parking spaces.
- The estimated total cost for this project is \$339.8 million.
- The project is currently in the bidding phase. Construction is scheduled to begin this year after the state's sale of construction bonds, and is expected to take just over two years.



### The Need

When the project was planned, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino served residents of the City of San Bernardino and the surrounding communities of Redlands, Fontana, and Twin Peaks through nine separate facilities. These facilities were overcrowded, lacking in security features now considered standard, and among the worst in the state in terms of their physical condition. The state's assessment determined that these facilities, particularly the court's main locations—the historic Central Courthouse and Courthouse Annex—were inadequate to serve the growing demand for court services due to recent and projected population growth in the County. The deplorable conditions of the existing facilities and the public's hindered access to court services are among the reasons why the new San Bernardino Justice Center is urgently needed.

### Local Government Collaboration

In August 2006, the City of Bernardino and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors both adopted resolutions to make contributions to the project. The city donated land to the state and relocated on-site utilities for this project. The county adopted a resolution to contribute approximately \$8.8 million to the project from funds originally budgeted for improvement of the existing T-Wing facility. The county resolution included an equity value contribution of court-occupied space, with an estimated value of about \$2.7 million. These significant contributions from the county and city enabled the project to move more quickly into design and will reduce the overall cost to the state. The remainder of the project's funding comes from court users, through fees, assessments, and penalties collected statewide, with no impact on the state's General Fund.

### More Information

Project Web Page:

[www.courts.ca.gov/2781.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/2781.htm)

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