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## FACT SHEET

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# Improving Trial Court Facilities: Los Angeles—New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse

In October 2008 the Judicial Council adopted an updated Trial Court Capital Outlay Plan and a list of 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407. AOC staff has completed a funding request for 15 projects, 13 of which have initial funding included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act. Approval of these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed improvements for courts across California.

Funding for this project—the Los Angeles—New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse—has been included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act.

### New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse

A new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$22.7 million for FY 2009-2010. The new facility will house nine courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 90,000 gross square feet is \$129.0 million (escalated to construction mid-point in spring 2012). This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

### Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

The proposed new courthouse will accomplish the following immediately-needed improvements to the superior court and enhance its ability to serve the public:

- Return full court services—including needed criminal case processing—to the Huntington Park and South Gate communities, as well as other surrounding communities;

- Consolidate the operations of the existing Huntington Park Courthouse and the now-closed South Gate facility;
- Replace the unsafe, overcrowded, and poor conditions of the Huntington Park Courthouse; and
- Increase court operational efficiency and improve public service through consolidation of all adult court operations in one location in the Huntington Park-South Gate area.

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**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004**

**THE HUNTINGTON PARK COURTHOUSE WILL  
NO LONGER HANDLE CRIMINAL CASES**

**CRIMINAL CASES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO  
THE FOLLOWING COURTS:**

**EAST LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE  
LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN COURTHOUSE (METRO)  
DOWNEY COURTHOUSE**

**Questions about your case go to Room 101**

Only Civil, Small Claims, and Traffic Cases Can Be Heard at the  
Huntington Park Courthouse  
for Service to the Community of Southeast Los Angeles County

Local Government and Organizations Collaborate on Project  
In October 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors went on record in support of the need to replace the existing Huntington Park Courthouse with a new facility in the Huntington Park-South Gate area of southeast Los Angeles County. In addition, they will be sending a letter to the Governor and to the members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation in Sacramento to request support for its

funding. The AOC will work collaboratively with the county and local municipalities to select a site for the new facility and to develop a project that meets the goals of those communities.

#### Long-term Funding Needs

The enactment of SB 1407 was the major first step in funding 41 urgently needed courthouse improvement projects across the State of California. The Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan includes another 112 projects for which funding has not been secured. California judicial branch will continue to explore additional, alternative means to fund the state's sizable need for courthouse infrastructure improvements while it implements the 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407.

#### More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse, dated December 21, 2007, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Huntington Park Courthouse in southeast Los Angeles County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

[http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/final\\_los\\_angeles\\_southeast\\_pfr\\_-\\_to\\_dof\\_-\\_07\\_12\\_21.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/final_los_angeles_southeast_pfr_-_to_dof_-_07_12_21.pdf)

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