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Population: 64,699 • Authorized Judges: 4 • Staff: 31.3 FTE

Civil Filings: 1,276 • Criminal Filings: 8,307 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 1,233 • Other Filings: 302

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Ensure court clerks are available when and how people need them.

- **Clerk's Office closed after 1:00 each day.**

Help more self-represented litigants in family and housing cases with at the Self Help/Facilitator's office.

- **Self-help services and Family Law facilitator are only available half time (20 hours per week).**

Reduce wait time for sealing/expunging criminal records to help people get jobs and to protect privacy.

- **2-month backlog in probation transfers into Lake County.**

Restore local court services and reopen courtrooms.

- **Clearlake Courtroom is open only 2 days a week.**
- **All traffic and unlawful detainers are heard in one location, which is a significant hardship for our communities because there is little public transit and our county is effectively divided by a huge lake.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, we intend to...

- Hire 3 clerks for window and phone service to increase the hours available to the public from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Increase the hours of the Self-Help Center to be open to the public four full days per week, a 60% increase in services.
- The additional funding would allow the court to cover inflationary costs such as negotiated salary increases, health benefit increases, and other contracted services, without degrading public services to pay for those inflationary cost increases.