

# YOLO

Population: 206,381 • Authorized Judges: 11 • Staff: 108 FTE

Civil Filings: 2,756 • Criminal Filings: 25,911 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 2,731 • Other Filings: 300

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## OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Provide more consistent and efficient assistance to customers of the court.

- **Systemic and ongoing insufficient trial court funding is directly responsible for:**
  - **Backlogs, delays in processing and inability to effectively implement legislative criminal justice initiatives and changes in law**
  - **The courts inability to maintain competitive employee compensation relative to the labor market resulting in turnover and inefficient labor pool**

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

- **Systemic and ongoing insufficient trial court funding has affected the courts ability to ensure clerks are available to assist the public:**
  - **Decrease access to the public service because of reduced window and telephone hours to 8:00 am – 3:00 pm resulting in increased frustration to the public, attorneys and staff.**

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

- **Systemic and ongoing insufficient trial court funding has directly impacted the Self-Help Center resulting in limited staffing levels and service hours to the public (some of whom are involved in serious domestic disputes).**
- **Self-help services are limited to 5 minutes per customer. This timeframe is enforced in an effort to assist as many people as possible with limited resources and long lines.**
- **Length of child custody mediator services reduced due to budgetary limitations.**

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

- **Unfunded mandates and inadequate funding has resulted in a 6 month backlog in sealing/expunging records.**

Reduce wait time for businesses and individuals to get money owed in civil disputes.

- **1-month backlog in writs, abstracts and judgments.**

## PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

**Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, we intend to:**

- Utilize additional funding to fill projected deficit for next fiscal year.
- Hire 8-12 legal process clerks to assist in window, phone service and case processing.
- Hire 1-2 additional staff in self-help/FLF office to assist in family law and domestic dispute matters.
- Increase window and phone hours in the clerk's office by at least 1 hour daily.
- Increase window and phone hours in the Self-help Center/FLF office by at least 1 hour daily.
- Unfreeze step increases so that staff have planned increases within a job position series.
- Address inflationary cost increases and make needed adjustments to recruit qualified candidates and retain experienced staff.