



**Meeting Binder for the
Court Facilities Advisory Committee's
Subcommittee on Courthouse Names**

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NOTICE AND AGENDA OF OPEN MEETING

Open to the Public (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(c)(1) and (e)(1))

THIS MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

Date: January 17, 2020
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Public Call-in Number: (877) 820-7831; passcode 7004216 (Listen Only)

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of the June 21, 2019, Subcommittee on Courthouse Names meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means with a listen only conference line available for the public. As such, the public may submit comments for this meeting only in writing. In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to cfac@jud.ca.gov or mailed or delivered to 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, attention: Chris Magnusson. Only written comments received by 5:00 PM on January 16, 2020, will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Request to Rename the West Justice Center in Westminster (Action Required)

Review the request from the Superior Court of Orange County to rename the existing West Justice Center in the City of Westminster after former appellate court justice Stephen K. Tamura.

Presenter: Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn



CHAMBERS OF
KIRK H. NAKAMURA
PRESIDING JUDGE

Superior Court of California County of Orange

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November 7, 2019

Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair
Court Facilities Advisory Committee
Administrative Presiding Justice of the
Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
2424 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Hon. Keith D. Davis, Chair
Subcommittee on Courthouse Names
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino
247 W. 3rd Street, Department S25
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Justice Hill and Judge Davis,

As the current Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court, it gives me great pleasure to propose renaming our West Justice Center in Westminster, California to name of "Orange County Superior Court, West Justice Center, Stephen K. Tamura Court."

Justice Tamura was a trailblazer and is a legal icon in Orange County. He was the first Asian American attorney in Orange County. He was the first Asian American Superior Court Judge in Orange County. He was the first Asian American Presiding Judge in Orange County. He was the first Asian American Appeals Court Justice in the continental United States. He served in each capacity with distinction.

Justice Tamura attended Huntington Beach High School in our WJC judicial district. The Tamura's attended Wintersburg Church in the district.

Justice Tamura was the recipient of the Franklin G. West award, the highest honor bestowed by the Orange County Bar Association. He was interned, like all Japanese Americans, during the second World War under Executive Order 9066, but also served in the famed 442nd infantry battalion, the most decorated unit of its size in the second world war.

I believe the application meets the criteria set forth in the Judicial Council naming policy.

1. He has made recognizable, significant contributions to the state and national justice system.
2. He has been deceased for over 10 years. He passed away in 1982.
3. There is a probate matter that will soon be dismissed by his heirs in our Central Justice Center. I am informed by his daughter that she is not otherwise aware of any other litigation.

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4. The naming of the Justice Center does not present a potential conflict of interest as viewed by the public, governmental entities or private businesses.
5. The request is consistent with the California Code of Judicial Ethics.

I believe this request is timely. I hope that the Facilities Committee can expedite this request, so approval can be made on December 18, 2019, the 75th anniversary of the Korematsu decision. I have the full support of our court's executive committee.

Enclosed are letters of support for this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Kirk H. Nakamura
Presiding Judge

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Enclosures