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Population: 139,259 • Authorized Judges: 6 • Staff: 67 FTE
Civil Filings: 1,748 • Criminal Filings: 17,896 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 1,577 • Other Filings: 451

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

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

- **Clerk's office closes daily at 4:00.**
- **Inability to replace operational staffing eliminated by past budget reductions.**
- **Clerk's Office and court reporting staffing has been reduced by one-fourth.**

Significant turnover in operational staff due to stagnant compensation levels.

- **Inexperienced employees result in degraded service levels for court system users.**

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

- **Self Help Staffing has been reduced by one-third.**

Protect families with emergency orders and restore family stability with mediated custody agreements.

- **Family mediation services are delayed nearly 2 weeks.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

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

- Hire 4 clerks for window and phone service to reduce wait times by 15 minutes per person.
- Address inflationary cost increases and make needed adjustments to recruit qualified candidates and retain experienced staff.
- Utilize expanded and more experienced workforce to reinstate clerk's office hours to 5:00 PM each business day.
- Increase court reporter staffing to reduce unnecessary delays in cases where court reporter services are mandated.
- Add a family court mediator to reduce mediation wait time and increase the speed by which child visitation and support orders are processed.
- Add a full-time paralegal in self-help to serve 25 percent more self-represented litigants each day, as well as assist with outreach efforts to ensure badly needed access to court services.