



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Riverside

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- The court will be unable to defray the additional reductions proposed.
- Further drastic reductions to staffing will take place in June 2013, which will result in reduced access and service to the public.
- Devastating impacts on families, children, and the elderly requiring court services.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Layoffs have affected the delivery of court services
- Reduced services for the public in the areas of criminal, civil, probate and juvenile case processing

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Self-help programs assist over 5,300 people per month
- Next year funding will be reduced to self-help services

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Reduced expenditures for court reporters
- Anticipate reductions in expenditures for court reporters next year
- Reduced expenditures for court interpreters
- Court has fewer bilingual clerical staff available
- Constitutionally mandated to provide interpreter services regardless of budget reductions

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced clerks' office hours one hour per day, 5 hours per week
- Longer waits in line and backlogs due to inadequate staffing

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Closed or reduced operations in 14 courtrooms
- Closed three courthouses in last five years: Autry, Corona, Hawthorne
- Fewer courtrooms to hear civil and criminal trials

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- 172 positions laid off: 22 management, 21 SEIU, 110 LIUNA, 19 county funded
- Furloughs applied to all employees, including management
- Court has left vacancies unfilled over the last five years

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Mandated reduction to the security budget in FY 2009-10
- Security funding cannot be reprogrammed to augment court budgets and offset operational costs

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Only 83 authorized judicial positions, leaving a deficit of 55

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 113,005,418
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 93,778,769
Percentage change	-17.0%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Riverside Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	14
Capital construction projects	3 (1 delayed)

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	2,227,577
Judicial officers	76
Judicial officers needed	137.8
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	1,116
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	1,072

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	14,080
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	43,741
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	326,527
Civil filings	74,685
Family and juvenile filings	37,612

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Mark Ashton Cope
Court Executive Officer	Sherri R. Carter