

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO

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Public Notice

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: June 25, 2014 Fairfield, California

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106 NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF FAMILY AND CIVIL CLERK'S OFFICES IN VALLEJO

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano is providing sixty (60) days notice of the Court's decision to close the Family and Civil Clerk's Offices at the Solano Justice Center, 321 Tuolumne Street, in Vallejo.

Currently the Family and Civil Clerk's Offices are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, excluding court holidays and weekends. Effective September 29, 2014, the Family Law Clerk's Office will close and be consolidated with the Family Law Clerk's Office in the Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield. A drop box for same day filings will be available during normal business hours at the Solano Justice Center in Vallejo.

Effective September 22, 2014, the Civil Clerk's Office located at the Solano Justice Center in Vallejo will close. The Civil Clerk's Office in Vallejo and Fairfield will reopen at the Old Solano Courthouse located at 580 Texas Street, Fairfield. Small Claims will remain in the Hall of Justice at 600 Union Avenue. A drop box for same day filings will be available during normal business hours at the Solano Justice Center in Vallejo.

This action is necessary pursuant to the limited funding provided to the Judicial Branch in the State Budget Act for 2014. Over the past six years, the Solano Court's budget has been reduced by \$5 million dollars. Although the current Budget Act restores some funding to the Judicial Branch, the additional funding is insufficient to maintain services and leaves the Court with a projected deficit of \$830,000 for FY 14/15.

Over the past five years the Court has instituted various cost saving measures including a hiring freeze, furloughs, early retirement program, implementation of electronic reporting in misdemeanors, reengineering court processes for efficiencies and renegotiating court contracts. Staffing levels have been reduced by 21%. The Court is mandated to further reduce services to the public in order to balance the Court's budget for FY 14/15.

Closing the Family and Civil Clerk's Offices in Vallejo is estimated to save the Court \$200,000 per year. If you have comments regarding this action, please send them in writing to Brian Taylor, Court Executive Officer, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 by July 3, 2014.



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June 25, 2014

Ms. Jody Patel, Chief of Staff Administrative Office of the Courts 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re:

Notification Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to Government Code section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano provides notice of closure of the Civil and Family Law Clerk's Offices at the Solano Justice Center located at 321 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA.

The Family Law Clerk's Office in Vallejo will be consolidated with the Family Law Clerk's Office located at the Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue in Fairfield effective September 29, 2014.

The Civil Clerk's Office in Vallejo will be consolidated with the Civil Clerk's Office in Fairfield. Both offices will re-open in conjunction with the grand opening of the Old Solano Courthouse located at 580 Texas Street in Fairfield on September 22, 2014.

A drop box will be available for same day filings during normal business hours at the Vallejo Courthouse.

The Court finds it necessary to institute these closures pursuant to insufficient funding provided in the Budget Act of 2014 for the Judicial Branch. The Court has an estimated deficit of \$830,000 going into the fiscal year and these closures are estimated to save the Court \$200,000.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Taylor

Court Executive Officer