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Groundbreaking: New Stockton Courthouse

What: A groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the start of construction of the new Stockton Courthouse for the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, in downtown Stockton.

Who: The ceremony will include remarks by Presiding Judge Lesley D. Holland and Judge Robin Appel of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, Administrative Director of the Courts Judge Steven Jahr, and Judge David De Alba of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, who serves on the California Judicial Council.

When: Friday, May 30, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Corner of Hunter St. and Main St., Stockton, California

Why: The event marks the beginning of construction of the new Stockton Courthouse. The new courthouse will replace the current courthouse—shared with the county—which is overcrowded, in poor physical condition, and lacks adequate security. Built on land donated by the City of Stockton, the 13-story facility will house 30 courtrooms in approximately 310,000 square feet. When completed, it will be the tallest building in Stockton. The design, recognized for excellence by the American Institute of Architects' Academy of Architecture for Justice, features a modern jury assembly room on the 12th floor, a three-story atrium with escalators accessing the first three floors and a secure entry that allows for safe circulation of buses used to transport in-custody detainees. It also incorporates sustainability features, such as high-efficiency heating and cooling systems and natural light throughout the building, that are projected to qualify the project for a LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The project is funded by trial court user fees rather than taxpayer revenues and revenue bonds. The new building is designed by NBBJ Architects and will be constructed by Turner Construction.

Completion is scheduled for fall 2016. For more information, visit the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-sanjoaquin-stockton.htm.

The attached map shows the location of the ceremony, parking facilities and general directions. Members of the media wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Stephanie Bohrer at 209-468-2878.

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Map of Ceremony and Surrounding Area

