

# The Superior Court

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN 222 E. WEBER AVENUE, ROOM 303 STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95202

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## \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*

(Pursuant to California Rule of Court 10.620)

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PLANNED TRACY AND LODI BRANCH COURT CLOSURES

**COMMENT DEADLINE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011** 

Pursuant to California Rule of Court 10.620, the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, hereby gives notice to the public of its opportunity to comment on the court's plan to close the entire Tracy branch court facility, including the two courtrooms and clerk's office and a courtroom and clerk's office in its Lodi branch court effective October 3, 2011. It is planned that the following locations will no longer hold court and receive filings from the public:

### Tracy Branch Court

Departments T1 and T2 and the Clerk's Office located at 475 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed.

#### Lodi Branch Court

Department L2 and Clerk's Office located at 315 W. Elm Street will be closed. (Department L1 and Clerk's Office located at 217 W. Elm Street will remain open for business.)

The deadline to send in comments is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Comments can be sent via email to Stephanie Bohrer, Management Analyst at sbohrer@courts.san-joaquin.ca.us or can be personally delivered or mailed in to the following court locations:

> Stockton (Main Branch) • 222 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202 Stockton (Family Law Annex) • 540 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA 95202 Lodi Branch • 217 W. Elm Street & 315 W. Elm Street, Lodi, CA 95240 Manteca Branch • 315 E. Center Street, Manteca, CA 95336 Tracy Branch • 475 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, CA 95376

The court finds it necessary to close the Tracy and Lodi courtrooms and clerk's offices due to the unprecedented budget cuts imposed on the San Joaquin County courts. Many courts statewide are facing similar financial challenges due to funding cuts made by the state. Over the years, the court has steadfastly endeavored to provide service to the members of this community despite its very limited resources as a historically underfunded and under resourced court. The court regrets that inadequate funding denies the citizens of this county access to justice.

With the closure of the above locations, please note the following:

- Small claims cases will not be heard at <u>any</u> court location.
- Civil harassment and unlawful detainer cases, formerly heard at the Tracy branch court should be filed and will be heard at the Manteca branch court located at 315 E. Center Street, Manteca, CA.
- Traffic court trials, infraction cases and limited civil jurisdiction matters formerly heard at the Tracy Branch Court, should be filed and will be heard at the main Stockton Courthouse located at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA.
- Civil harassment restraining orders, limited jurisdiction civil matters, all traffic cases, all trials, criminal motions, preliminary hearings and probation violations formerly heard at the Lodi branch court should be filed and will be heard at the main branch located at 222 E. Weber, Stockton, CA.
- Domestic violence restraining orders formerly heard at the Tracy branch court and the Lodi branch court, should be filed and will be heard at the Stockton Court Annex located at 540 E. Main St., Stockton, CA.