

The Superior Court

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(Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106 and rule 10.620 of the California Rules of Court)

Closure of Tracy Court Branch and Partial Closure of Lodi Court Branch Effective October 3, 2011

Effective October 3, 2011, the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, will close the following courtrooms and court clerks' offices:

- Tracy Court Branch: The two courtrooms (departments T1 and T2) and clerks' office, at 475 E. 10th Street; and
- Lodi Court Branch: One courtroom (department L2) and one clerks' office, both at 315 W. Elm Street.

The one remaining Lodi courtroom (department L1) and the second Lodi clerks' office, both located at 217 W. Elm Street, will remain open. Neither is affected by this notice.

The court finds it necessary to institute the above changes due to the unprecedented reductions in the state's funding for the judicial branch, and the resulting cuts to the court's individual budget in recent years. Many courts statewide face similar financial challenges. Over the years, the court has steadfastly endeavored to serve the members of this community to the best of its abilities despite its very limited resources as a historically under-funded and under-resourced court. The court regrets that inadequate funding denies the citizens of this county access to justice.

The closure of the above locations means the following changes beginning on October 3, 2011:

- **Small claims** cases will not be heard at <u>any</u> court location. However, filings will be accepted at the Stockton Courthouse, at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton.
- Tracy Branch, for the following types of matters, submit filings and appear for proceedings at:
 - o *Civil harassment and unlawful detainer cases*—the court's Manteca Branch, 315 E. Center Street, Manteca;
 - o *Domestic violence restraining order matters*—the Stockton Court Annex, at 540 E. Main St., Stockton;
 - o *Traffic trials, infraction matters, and limited civil jurisdiction matters*—the main Stockton Courthouse, at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton;
- Lodi Branch, for the following types of matters, submit filings and appear for proceedings at:
 - O Civil harassment restraining orders, limited civil jurisdiction matters, unlawful detainer cases, all traffic cases, all trials, criminal motions, preliminary hearings, and probation violations—the main Stockton Courthouse, at 222 E. Weber, Stockton; and
 - o *Domestic violence restraining order matters*—the Stockton Court Annex, at 540 E. Main St., Stockton.

If you have any comments about the changes described in this notice, please submit them in writing to Stephanie Bohrer, Management Analyst at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 303, Stockton, CA 95202 or by email at sbohrer@courts.san-joaquin.ca.us.