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LODI BRANCH COURT TO REOPEN, RESTORING COURT SERVICES IN NORTH COUNTY

San Joaquin Superior Court is pleased to announce that beginning Monday, January 5, 2015, the Lodi Branch Court will reopen, restoring court services in north San Joaquin County. Nearly two years ago, the Superior Court closed the Lodi Branch Court due to unprecedented reductions in the state's funding for the judicial branch, which resulted in large cuts to the court's individual budget.

Presiding Judge Lesley D. Holland had this to say about the reopening, "Since the day we closed the Lodi Branch, we have been looking forward to its reopening. The court's budget has stabilized and we are now in position to restore vital court services in north County. This is a big step toward improving the public's access to justice."

When the court reopens, it will hear small claims, unlawful detainer (landlord-tenant), limited civil, civil harassment, traffic, and criminal cases. Passports applications will also be accepted at the Clerk's Office. The Stockton Branch Court will be accepting new filings and scheduling court dates for the Lodi Branch Court beginning November 3, 2014 through January 2, 2015 (see attached table detailing services and important dates). The courtrooms and clerk's offices are located as follows:

Department L-1 and Clerk's Office is located at 217 W. Elm Street, Lodi, CA 95240.

Department L-2 and Clerk's Office is located at 315 W. Elm Street, Lodi, Ca 95240.

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Beginning Monday, January 5, 2015, the Lodi Branch Court will reopen, restoring court services for north San Joaquin County. The following table provides information about the types of cases and services that will resume in Lodi.

Lodi Jurisdiction: Includes Eight Mile Road to Sacramento County line, City of Lodi and towns of Acampo, Clements, Lockeford, Terminous, Thornton, and Woodbridge

Location: **Department L-1** and Clerk’s Office is located at 217 W. Elm Street, Lodi, Ca 95240.
Department L-2 and Clerk’s Office is located at 315 W. Elm Street, Lodi, Ca 95240.

Clerk’s Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Case Type	Services provided	Services begin	Will be heard in	Phone Number
Criminal	All criminal matters, including jury trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal arraignments (including DUI and reckless driving) will be heard in Lodi beginning January 5, 2015. 	Departments L-1 and L-2	(209)992-5521
Traffic	All traffic matters, including court trials, walk-in calendar, and suspended license arraignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic matters will be heard in Lodi beginning January 5, 2015. 	Department L-2	(877)872-0476
Limited Civil	Accepts filings and holds hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New limited civil filings to be heard in the Lodi jurisdiction can be filed at the Stockton Branch beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Thereafter, all filings must be filed at the Lodi Court. Hearings begin January 5, 2015. 	Department L-2	(209)992-5522
Small Claims	Accepts filings and holds hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New small claims filings to be heard in the Lodi jurisdiction can be filed at the Stockton Branch beginning Monday, November 3, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Thereafter, all filings must be filed at the Lodi Court. Hearings begin January 5, 2015. 	Department L-2	(209)992-5522
Civil Harassment- Restraining Orders	Accepts filings and holds hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New civil harassment filings to be heard in the Lodi jurisdiction can be filed at the Stockton Branch beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Thereafter, all filings must be filed at the Lodi Court. Hearings begin January 5, 2015. 	Department L-2	(209)992-5522
Unlawful Detainer (Landlord-Tenant)	Accepts filings and holds hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New unlawful detainer filings to be heard in the Lodi jurisdiction can be filed at the Stockton Branch beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Thereafter, all filings must be filed at the Lodi Court. Hearings begin January 5, 2015. 	Department L-2	(209)992-5522
Passports	Accepts passport applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passport services begin January 5, 2015. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 	Department L-1	(209)992-5521