



# Superior Court of the State of California

## County of Kings

**Thomas DeSantos**  
Presiding Judge  
of the  
Superior Court

**Jeffrey E. Lewis**  
Court Executive/Clerk  
and  
Jury Commissioner

### \* \* \* FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE of COURT CLOSURES \* \* \*

December 3, 2015

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On October 1, 2015, pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106\*, the Superior Court of California, County of Kings, announced, in writing, its proposed intent to cease all operations at its Court locations in Avenal (at 501 E. King Street) and Corcoran (at 1000 Chittenden Avenue), with those services and staff relocating to the Hanford Courthouse, effective at the close of the Court's business day on December 18, 2015.

A **Public Notice** on this intended decision was conspicuously posted within and about each of the Court's facilities in Avenal, Corcoran and Hanford, was included on the home page of its public Internet Web site, was provided to Kings County's largest newspaper [the *Hanford Sentinel*] by electronic means, and was forwarded to the Judicial Council of California. Further, the public was "...encouraged to provide input regarding this noticed plan of action...in writing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2015, and be addressed to:

Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer  
Kings County Superior Court  
1426 South Drive  
Hanford, California, 93230."

As of December 1, 2015, the required 60-day comment period has been fully observed and, as no written input was received during this timeframe, the decision of the judges for Superior Court of California, County of Kings, to permanently close the Avenal and Corcoran Courthouses at the end of the Court day on December 18, 2015, is now final.

All services previously provided at the Court locations in Avenal and Corcoran will be available by telephone [559-582-1010] or in person at the Hanford Courthouse, located at 1426 South Drive in Hanford.

\*Government Code section 68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website.