



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

*****PUBLIC NOTICE OF CLOSURE AND RELOCATION***
OF
KINGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE
IN
HANFORD**

December 11, 2015

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106*, the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Kings, hereby announces the permanent closure of its existing Court facility (located at 1426 South Drive in Hanford), effective, as of the close of business, on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Services currently available to the public at the present Court site - as well as all assigned staff, will be relocated to the soon-to-be-completed structure at 1640 Kings County Drive in Hanford, with no anticipated disruption to our citizenry. More specifically, following judicial holidays on February 12, 2016 [Lincoln's Birthday] and February 15, 2016 [Presidents' Day], public services will resume in full at the new Kings County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

[NOTE: Kings County Superior Court information and services may also be accessed by phone at (559) 582-1010 or on our public website at <http://www.kings.courts.ca.gov>.]

As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California (JCC), an entity of the State. The JCC is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of Court facilities throughout California.

As identified in the State's Judicial Branch master facilities plan and *funded in its entirety* by fees imposed on Civil case filings and Criminal case convictions (as expressly provided for by Senate Bill 1407 [2008] to finance Court facilities projects statewide), the JCC has undertaken construction of Hanford's new courthouse to better serve Kings County residents well into the decades ahead.

Any written comments related to this Notice should be directed to:

Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer
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*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.