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September 29, 2016

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Subject: Notification of Reduction in Court Services as Required under Gov. Code § 68106

Dear Senators Leno, Jackson, and Moorlach, and Assembly Members Ting, Stone, and Wagner:

On behalf of the Judicial Council of California, please find attached a copy of the notification from the Superior Court of Kings County describing the reduction in services that court is implementing, including the reasons that make that reduction in services necessary. This notification, received by the Judicial Council on September 28, 2016, is provided consistent with the requirements of Government Code section 68106.

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This notice, along with the notice to the public, is accessible on the Judicial Council's web site, at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/12973.htm>.

If you have any questions about this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-323-3121, or laura.speed@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Steven D. Barnes, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Kings County
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Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
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Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

Steven D. Barnes
Presiding Judge
of the
Superior Court

Jeffrey E. Lewis
Clerk of Court
and
Jury Commissioner

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Court limited hours during the holidays
September 29, 2016

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of Kings County hereby gives notice of its intent to reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments between December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017, as follows:

1. Monday, December 26, 2016, the courthouse will be closed, in observance of Christmas.
2. The Jury Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 27, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017; any questions regarding jury service should be directed to the Clerk of the Court.
3. Tuesday, December 27, 2016 through Thursday, December 29, 2016, staffing of all trial departments of the Courthouse will be reduced resulting in a temporary closure of multiple courtrooms. During this period, the Courthouse Clerk's Office hours of operation will remain the same [Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.]; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
4. Friday, December 30, 2016, the Courthouse business hours will remain the same [8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.]
5. Monday, January 2, 2017, the Courthouse will be closed, in observance of New Year's.
6. Pre-December 26, 2016 operations and staffing levels will be restored to all Divisions of the Kings County Superior Court on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The Superior Court Judges in Kings County have concluded that the temporary closure of the Jury Office, the limitation in operational trial departments, and the reduction of hours at our Courthouse as set forth above, is necessary in order to address the continued budget concerns and attendant personnel shortage that the Court faces. The limitation of hours and services set forth above is just one of many cost-saving steps taken by the Court to address continued trial court funding shortfalls.

Any interested person or entity wishing to comment on the Court's plan of action should direct the same on or before November 28, 2016 to Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer at Kings County Superior Court, 1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, California, 93230. You may also send your comments via email to jlewis@kings.courts.ca.gov. All public input will be considered.