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Invitation to Comment: Review of Location Options for New Inyo County Courthouse

What: The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) invites members of the public to review and comment on a draft report that analyzes two principle location options for the new Inyo courthouse project: the Independence area and the Bishop area.

The AOC's draft report recommends that the project be located in the Bishop area. The AOC has determined that the location of the Inyo courthouse project is controversial due to the many concerns and differences of opinion voiced by residents regarding where the new courthouse should be located. Comments received in this process will be presented to the Judicial Council in the context of an AOC recommendation on where the Inyo project should be located.

Where: The AOC's draft report, *Review of Location Options: New Inyo County Courthouse*, and comment form are available on the California Courts Web site:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/invitationstocomment/

Members of the public may submit comments by email using the comment form and instructions at the web address above, or by mail to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Attn. Inyo Courthouse
Office of Court Construction and Management
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

All comments received will become part of the public record of the Judicial Council's action.

When: The invitation to comment period extends through 5 p.m. on January 21, 2011.

Why: The proposed new courthouse project, with an estimated total cost of \$32.3 million, will improve access to justice by developing a properly sized, secure courthouse for Inyo County. The project will be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances urgently needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, with no impact on the state's General Fund.

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