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## COURT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTHOUSE NAMES

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 17, 2020  
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM  
Teleconference

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Keith D. Davis, Chair  
Hon. Donald Cole Byrd  
Mr. Anthony P. Capozzi  
Hon. Gary R. Orozco  
Hon. David Edwin Power (Ret.)  
Mr. Thomas J. Warwick, Jr.

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mr. Chris Magnusson, Supervisor, Judicial Council Facilities Services

#### OPEN MEETING

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., introductions were made, and roll was taken.

##### Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its meeting on June 21, 2019.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

##### Item 1

##### Request to Rename the West Justice Center in Westminster

**Summary:** The subcommittee reviewed the request from the Superior Court of Orange County to rename the existing West Justice Center in the City of Westminster after former appellate court justice Stephen K. Tamura. Mr. Chris Magnusson presented this item consistent with materials that were posted online for public viewing in advance of the meeting and available at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20200117-cn-materials.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/cfac-20200117-cn-materials.pdf). He indicated the following:

- The Superior Court of Orange County would like to recognize the outstanding contribution former justice Stephen K. Tamura made to the Court and the judicial branch by renaming its West Justice Center after him.

- The West Justice Center is an existing facility located in the City of Westminster, which services the western communities of Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley. This facility is a county-owned facility built in 1967. The Court is the majority tenant of the building and has a total of 17 courtrooms processing criminal, civil, and traffic cases.
- Justice Tamura attended high school and church within the judicial district. Among his many accomplishments, he served as Superior Court Judge as well as Presiding Judge and as an Appellate Court Justice of the 4<sup>th</sup> district. He also served as Justice Pro Tem on the Supreme Court of California and as a member of the Judicial Council. He was an army veteran who served in the second World War. Justice Tamura passed away in 1982.
- There is local community support for this request, expressed by members of his family and various professionals, organizations, and educational institutions. Those letters are provided under Tab 6 of the meeting materials.
- As described in the Court's letter, under Tab 3 of the meeting materials, the name complies with the Judicial Council's naming policy for naming a facility after a Deceased Person. The criteria are shown on Page 3 of the policy under Tab 7 of the meeting materials.
- And in reference to the Probate case that had been pending, a copy of the Order on Final Distribution is included under Tab 4 of the meeting materials. As shown, there is no dispute and all items proceeded accordingly. In speaking with the Court, it has affirmed that (1) this matter is now closed, (2) there are no further steps or actions that will be required of the Court now that the Order has been signed, and (3) there is an administrator designated for the case, but there are no statutory timelines for his responsibilities to be executed. Given this, the naming request can move forward in the process for review by the full CFAC and then by the Judicial Council.

**Action:** The subcommittee voted unanimously on the following motion:

1. The naming request as described in the Court's letter be submitted to the Court Facilities Advisory Committee for confirmation and Judicial Council for final approval.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved by the subcommittee on July 10, 2020.