

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106)

REDUCED CALENDARS/SERVICES

CENTRAL BRANCH

Effective July 15, 2013, we are suspending all calendars and operations in our Central Branch at 800 N. Humboldt Street, with that location only being utilized for trials as assigned by our Presiding Judge. All Traffic and Small Claims trials will be heard only in the Southern Branch in Redwood City. This includes the once a month night court session, which will be conducted in Redwood City on the first Wednesday of each month. The Small Claims Advisory workshops and services will also be relocated to Redwood City.

This change is a result of the unprecedented and ongoing State budget cuts to the trial courts of more than \$1 billion over the past five years. The San Mateo County Superior Court has seen a dramatic reduction in its budget as a result of these State cuts to the judicial branch and unfunded cost increases. As a result of these State cuts, the San Mateo Superior Court has been forced to reduce its workforce by over 30% to-date. Going forward, the court has been informed by the Governor and the State Legislature that they must absorb additional State budget cuts. Further, changes in trial court funding methodology will result in added reductions to the San Mateo Superior Court over the next 5 years if the State does not fully fund the trial courts. These State cuts and funding reductions will require further workforce reductions, necessitating further reductions in court services, unless these cuts are eliminated and essential, complete trial court funding is provided.

The Traffic Clerk's Office is located at 500 County Center in Redwood City. Their public counter hours are 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. A drop box for traffic payments and correspondence is also available at the 500 County Center location in Redwood City.

The Small Claims Clerk's Office is located in Room A on the first floor of the Hall of Justice at 400 County Center in Redwood City. Their public counter hours are 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. A drop box for small claims filings and correspondence is also available at the Hall of Justice in Redwood City on the first floor.

The public is invited to comment on this change prior to implementation. To ensure prompt review and consideration, comments should be submitted electronically through the Court's website at www.sanmateocourt.org (click on "Invitation to Comment"). For those without easy internet access, comments may be mailed to:

Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo

Attn: Rodina Catalano, Deputy Court Executive Officer

400 County Center, 2nd Floor

Redwood City, CA 94063

All comments must be received no later than July 12, 2013.