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Court Announces the Reopening of Moreno Valley Branch Court

Riverside County – The Riverside County Superior Court is pleased to announce that its Moreno Valley branch will reopen to the public on Monday, April 24, 2006. The court will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Small claims, unlawful detainer, and traffic cases will be handled in two departments at the court located at 13800 Heacock Avenue in Moreno Valley. (For additional information, please go to the court's website at www.courts.co.riverside.ca.us.)

In conjunction with the reopening, the court will relocate its Tenant-Landlord Assistance Project from the civil division in Riverside to the Moreno Valley court facility. This program, staffed by attorneys from Inland Counties Legal Services, offers assistance with document preparation and legal representation for qualified applicants in unlawful detainer cases.

In 2003, the Moreno Valley court was closed to the public in response to the to a severe statewide budget crisis. The court has only recently received the necessary funding to hire new staff to fill some positions frozen during the crisis. The court's executive officer, Inga E. McElyea, stated, "The temporary closure of the Moreno Valley

Court allowed us to minimize the impact of the statewide financial crisis. Regrettably, we realize even this temporary closure inconvenienced the public, in particular traffic and small claims customers in the county's western region. We welcome this opportunity to reopen the court in Moreno Valley and once again make full court services available to citizens in this area of the county."

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