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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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RE: ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

GENERAL ORDER 2020-20

In response to health and safety concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California on March 4, 2020; President Donald Trump proclaimed a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local emergency in the County of Riverside on March 8, 2020.

In further response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all Californians to stay home, except those employed in a job deemed to be essential. On April 6, 2020, the Public Health Officer for the County of Riverside issued an order prohibiting public gatherings of any size. These orders remain in effect.

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115, upon the request of the Riverside Superior Court, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issued emergency orders authorizing the Court to take certain actions. As set forth in the Second Amended General Order, dated March 23, 2020, the Court determined that certain matters were essential functions and/or

time sensitive and would remain on calendar. As resources permit the Court may expand the items deemed essential functions and/or time sensitive matters.

To protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel, and under the court's inherent authority to consider the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court's calendars, by order of the Presiding Judge, the Court adds the following items to the list of essential functions and/or time-sensitive matters that will go forward:

1. Effective April 1, 2020, Surrogacy Petitions wherein birth is imminent.
2. Effective April 6, 2020:
    a. Arraignment on Information
    b. In-custody warrant hearing, e.g., violations of probation
3. Effective April 8, 2020, Bail Bonds.
4. Effective April 9, 2020, Bail Review and Bail Reduction (stipulated agreement to reduce bail).
5. Effective April 16, 2020, Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus and any motions and related filings.
6. Effective April 20, 2020:
    a. Petitions for Compromise of Disputed Claims of Minors and Persons with Disabilities
    b. Confidential Guardianship Status Reports
7. Effective April 23, 2020, Negotiated dispositions for in-custody misdemeanor and felony cases.
8. Effective April 24, 2020, Abatement and Inspection Warrants.
9. Effective May 7, 2020, pre-trial motions and demurrers in unlimited civil cases, including complex cases and petitions for writs of mandate or other extraordinary relief as set forth in detail in General Order No. 2020-15, re. Civil Division Emergency Reorganization.

As set forth in Administrative Order 2020-7, dated March 16, 2020, and Second Amended General Order, dated March 23, 2020, the Court determined that certain matters were essential functions and/or time sensitive matters and would remain on calendar. Thereafter, as resources permitted, the court expanded the items deemed essential functions and/or time sensitive matters. In addition to the new items listed above, the court reaffirms that the following items remain essential functions and/or time sensitive matters:

1. Criminal
    a. In-custody felony and misdemeanor arraignments
    b. Search Warrants, Arrest Warrants, and Probable Cause Warrants
    c. Preliminary Hearings where time has not been waived
    d. Priority sentencing hearings
    e. Ex parte gun violence restraining orders
    f. Requests to renew gun violence restraining order
    g. Telephonic Emergency Protective Orders (EPOs)
    h. Criminal Protective Orders
2. Civil
    a. Temporary civil restraining orders
    b. Requests to renew civil restraining orders
    c. Ex parte applications
    d. Stipulations, except those prohibited by General Order No. 2020-15
3. Ex parte applications in Unlawful Detainer cases.
4. All small claims hearings are postponed for a period of 90 days from March 16, 2020, which is calculated from the date the hearing was otherwise scheduled.
5. Family Law
    a. Temporary Domestic Violence Restraining Orders
    b. Telephonic Emergency Protective Orders (EPOs)
    c. Requests to renew domestic violence restraining orders

d. Ex parte applications

e. Stipulations

6. Probate

a. Temporary Elder Abuse Restraining Orders

b. Requests to renew Elder Abuse Restraining Orders

c. Temporary Guardianships

d. Temporary Conservatorships

e. LPS Conservatorships

f. Ex parte applications

g. Stipulations

h. Court probate investigator in-person interviews in conservatorships and guardianship cases are postponed

7. Juvenile Delinquency:

a. Detention, jurisdiction/disposition hearings, and detention hearings, when a minor is detained

b. Hearings under Welfare and Institutions Code section 777, when a minor is detained

c. 15-day review hearings

d. Emergency medical requests

e. Request for warrants

f. Psychotropic medication applications

g. Request to re-enter foster care

h. Juvenile restraining orders

i. Stipulations

8. Juvenile Dependency:

a. Detention hearings

b. Emergency medical requests

c. Psychotropic medication applications

d. Requests to re-enter foster care

e. Juvenile restraining orders

f. Requests to renew restraining orders

g. Protective Custody Warrants (PCWs)

h. Ex parte applications

i. Stipulations

9. Traffic Infractions

a. All non-trial traffic matters are postponed for a 90-day rolling period from March 16, 2020 through June 14, 2020, inclusive, which is calculated from the original date to appear on the citation or date to pay.

b. The date for holding a traffic court trial has been extended for a period of 60 days from the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired, pursuant to the Statewide Emergency Order issued by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye on March 30, 2020.

10. Other

a. Reise Hearings

b. Emergency writs challenging COVID-19 emergency measures

c. Writs of Habeas Corpus challenging medical quarantines

The Court reserves the authority to rescind or modify any part of this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: 4/29/2020

JOHN W. VINEYARD
Presiding Judge