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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

GENERAL ORDER 2020-51

RE: ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL
FUNCTIONS – SMALL CLAIMS

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create significant health and safety concerns nationally, throughout the state, and in Riverside County. For good cause, and pursuant to the authority set forth in this Court’s General Order 2020-20, Re: Essential Functions, by order of the Presiding Judge, the Court makes the following changes to small claims cases:

1. Effective August 17, 2020, the Court rescinds the declaration in General Order No.: 2020-47, setting forth certain days as court holidays for the purposes of computing time for filing papers under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a as to small claims filings. All small claims filings will be accepted and filed. Documents may be submitted online via the eSubmit Document Submission Portal, by mail, or by placement in a drop box.

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2. Any small claims case filed on or after August 17, 2020, may have a hearing date set 120 days from the date the case is filed. (Code of Civil Procedure section 116.570(c).)
 3. Small claims hearings, including small claims appeals, with an existing hearing date between August 17, 2020 and September 30, 2020, may be continued for ninety (90) days from the existing hearing date. (Code of Civil Procedure section 116.570(c).)
 4. Small claims hearings, including small claims appeals, may be conducted remotely. If a party wishes to provide the court with written evidence the party must submit the written evidence to the court at least 7 calendar days before the hearing. The party must also provide the written evidence to the other party at least 10 calendar days before the hearing. (Cal. Rules of Court, Appendix I, Emergency Rule 3; Code of Civil Procedure section 116.520 (a).)

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

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17 IT IS SO ORDERED

18 Date: _____

8/18/2020

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JOHN W. VINEYARD
Presiding Judge