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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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V. Magaña

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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RE: COURT CLOSURES AND
LIMITED COURT SERVICES

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 2020-60

California faces unprecedented fiscal challenges resulting from the economic downturn and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To address a projected \$54.3 billion state budget gap and subsequent recession, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 state budget that includes budget reductions throughout state government, including a decrease in funding of \$176.9 million to state trial courts. As a direct result of this reduction in state funding, Riverside Superior Court projects a significant budget deficit of \$12 million, which will impact the ability of the Court to conduct its day-to-day business operations.

Following compliance with Government Code section 68106(b), and pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 10.603, the Court orders as follows:

1. All courthouses within the County of Riverside shall be closed on the third Friday of each month. The current closure dates are: October 16, 2020; November 20, 2020; December 18, 2020; January 15, 2021; February 19, 2021; March 19, 2021; April 16, 2021; May 21, 2021; and June 18, 2021. The Court may modify this Order, including adding up to six (6) additional closure days through June 30, 2021.

1 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, on designated court closure days certain courthouses
2 will be open to only hear emergency matters and to conduct proceedings required by statute.
3 These courthouses are the Banning Justice Center, Riverside Juvenile Court; Riverside Family
4 Law Court; Southwest Justice Center; Southwest Juvenile Court; Larson Justice Center; and the
5 Blythe Courthouse.

6 3. Riverside Superior Court clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to
7 2:00 p.m. until further notice. Clerk's offices will only accept specific limited emergency filings
8 in-person. Non-emergency filings and all other documents may be submitted online via the
9 eSubmit Document Submission Portal, by U.S. mail, or by placement in a drop box. Clerk's
10 offices that are open for limited in-person services are located at the Banning Justice Center,
11 Riverside Historic Courthouse, Riverside Hall of Justice; Riverside Juvenile Courthouse;
12 Riverside Family Law Courthouse; Southwest Justice Center; Southwest Juvenile Courthouse;
13 Palm Springs Courthouse; Larson Justice Center; and the Blythe Courthouse.

14 4. On designated court closure days, clerk's offices at the courthouses listed in paragraph
15 2 will only be open for emergency filings such as restraining orders and ex parte applications for
16 emergency relief. Non-emergency filings may be submitted online via the eSubmit Document
17 Submission Portal, by U.S. mail, or by placement in the drop boxes located at the courthouses
18 listed above in paragraph 2. Documents filed in-person or via drop box by 4:00 p.m., and accepted
19 for filing, will be filed the day received. Documents filed in-person or via drop box after 4:00
20 p.m., will be processed and filed the following business day.

21 5. Except for designated court closure days, drop boxes are available at the Banning
22 Justice Center, Blythe Courthouse, Corona Courthouse, Hemet Courthouse, Larson Justice
23 Center, Moreno Valley Courthouse, Palm Springs Courthouse, Riverside Family Law
24 Courthouse, Riverside Hall of Justice, Riverside Historic Courthouse, Riverside Juvenile
25 Courthouse, Southwest Justice Center, and the Temecula Courthouse.

26 6. The Hemet Court, Moreno Valley Court, and the Temecula Court are closed to the
27 public until further notice.
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1 IT IS SO ORDERED

2 Date: 10/6/2020

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6 JOHN W. VINEYARD
7 Presiding Judge
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