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NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS

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WHITTIER COURTHOUSE TO RESTORE COURT OPERATIONS ON MAY 21, 2018

The Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) has announced the Whittier Courthouse will restore court operations on Monday, May 21, 2018. The Whittier Courthouse is located at 7339 South Painter Ave. Part of LASC's Southeast District, it will be the first courthouse in the county devoted solely to family law matters, which include: dissolution (divorce), legal separation and annulment cases, as well as child custody, support and visitation matters and requests for restraining orders.

Future hearings calendared in the courtrooms impacted by the judicial reassignments will be conducted as scheduled, on the same date and time, in the newly assigned department, unless otherwise notified.

As of May 21, 2018, all family law document filings must be filed at the Whittier Courthouse.

Five courtrooms at the Whittier Courthouse will be operating immediately with an additional "long-cause" courtroom to open soon. Two courtrooms will hear restraining order matters.

| Bench Officer | New Department and Room Number at Whittier |
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| Judge LaRonda McCoy | Dept. 102 |
| Judge Daniel P. Ramirez | Dept. 201 |
| Judge Charles Q. Clay, III | Dept. 202 |
| Judge James E. Horan | Dept. 301 |
| Commissioner Danielle R. A. Gibbons | Dept. 123 |
| <i>The information provided is accurate as of April 16, 2018. Further information, including courtroom telephone numbers, will be published as it becomes available and will be posted on the Court's website at www.lacourt.org.</i> | |

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A clerk's office and Sheriff's office will be available in the Whittier facility, as well as a variety of family law support services, including:

- Self-Help Resource Center
- Family Law Facilitators
- Family Law Court Services
- Children's Waiting Room
- Domestic Violence Clinic

Building hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays. The courthouse has public parking and is located in close proximity to public transportation.

Court services at the Whittier location have been unavailable since 2013 due to severe budget cuts. The courthouse has recently undergone significant structural improvements including new energy-efficient lighting, two new chillers, a new roof, and exterior painting and landscaping, as well as numerous upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and security infrastructure.

LASC's Southeast District includes the Bellflower, Downey, Los Padrinos Juvenile, Norwalk, and Whittier Courthouses. Judicial officers and court staff will be relocated from the Norwalk Courthouse to staff Whittier, which will handle all of the family law filings for the district, just as the Norwalk Courthouse does currently. With the move, the Norwalk Courthouse will be able to expand other areas of operation.

Throughout Los Angeles County, family law cases are also heard at the Central Civil West, Chatsworth, Compton, Governor George Deukmejian, Michael Antonovich Antelope Valley, Pasadena, Pomona, Santa Monica, Stanley Mosk, Torrance, and Van Nuys East Courthouses. The Whittier Courthouse will handle one-sixth of all family law cases filed outside of the Court's Central District.

More information regarding family law matters can be found on the Court's website at www.lacourt.org

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