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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**GENERAL ORDER RE: HOURS OF OPERATION
IN COURTHOUSE BUSINESS OFFICES**

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency relating to COVID-19.

2. On June 29, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the California State Budget, which cuts \$176.9 million from trial court funding. This cut results in an excess of a \$16 million budget deficit for the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Given the continued uncertainty of state General Fund revenues as the extended tax season comes to a close, there may be additional reductions required by the Governor and Legislature later this summer and fall.

3. Because of significantly reduced funding, the Court has negotiated furloughs and voluntary cost-saving measures and implemented layoffs of over 50 employees.

4. The Court is unable to maintain the same operating hours in its business offices. Beginning, Monday, August 17, 2020, the daily office and telephone hours at the courthouses in San Jose and Santa Clara will be 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Friday, including the Self-Help Center at the Family Justice Center Courthouse in San Jose. In addition, the business offices at the courthouses in Palo Alto and Morgan Hill

1 will be closed until further notice. Business previously conducted in Palo Alto and Morgan Hill
2 will be conducted in San Jose at the Hall of Justice located at 190 W. Hedding Street, San Jose
3 95110.

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5 Dated: August 7, 2020


6 Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan