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MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT REOPENS KING CITY COURTHOUSE FOR COURT SERVICES

The Monterey County Superior Court is pleased to announce the reopening of the King City Courthouse at 250 Franciscan Way in King City to provide court services to the public. The King City Courthouse formerly heard criminal cases before it was closed in September 2013 due to resource constraints during the Great Recession.

The Court has begun providing Self-Help Center (SHC) services to the public on both an appointment and walk-in basis. The new King City SHC office will operate on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Starting on July 13, Traffic Court arraignments will also be heard in King City.

The expansion of SHC services to King City will provide greater access to South Monterey County residents who are acting as self-represented litigants and need assistance with Family law and other civil case document preparation. The King City SHC will enable residents in South Monterey County to access court services in a more convenient location rather than travelling up to 100 miles round-trip to access in-person document preparation assistance.

SHC services in King City will mirror the services that continue to be provided at the Monterey and Salinas Courthouses, where legal and support staff effectively guide self-represented litigants with document preparation and review. Assistance is available with divorce, nullity, legal separation, limited civil cases, guardianships, name changes, emancipation, landlord/tenant, step-parent adoptions, limited conservatorships, and domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders. All locations provide assistance in both English and Spanish. Bi-lingual SHC services are also available remotely. See https://www.monterey.courts.ca.gov/self-help or call (831) 647-5800 ext. 3005 for more information.

Starting July 13, 2021 the Court will initiate a limited, pre-set Traffic arraignment calendar and Traffic counter services, also on the second Tuesday of the month. Court customers who would like take care of a traffic matter in response to a courtesy notice, and whose due date has not passed, may appear in King City on the second Tuesday of the month. Those who wish to appear in court for arraignment may be eligible to have cases set on this calendar. Additionally, a traffic clerk will be on site to provide services, including monthly

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It is the mission of the Monterey County Superior Court to serve the public in a respectful, courteous and efficient manner promoting trust and confidence in the legal system by providing fair, equal and open access to justice.

payments/payment plan set up, bail and proof of correction payments, traffic school referrals, extensions and general traffic information. For more information see: https://media.graphcms.com/Oi20bBGR369f3k1FCbwQ.

Current scheduled dates for the above Traffic services to be provided at the King City Courthouse are as follows:

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July 13, 2021
August 10, 2021
September 14, 2021
October 12, 2021
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021

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Future service expansion plans include additional SHC and Traffic service days each month, the ability to file restraining orders, and eventually hearing Small Claims cases, and Family and Probate (Guardianship and Conservatorship) cases by remote video.

Presiding Judge Julie R. Culver stated: "We are excited to be reopening the King City Courthouse and providing these important services to the South County community in a location that is convenient and accessible.   Returning to the King City Courthouse has been a project that has had the input and support of all of the judges.   We are grateful for the collaboration between Monterey County and the Judicial Council that allowed rehabilitation of this facility and this reopening to occur. The Superior Court looks forward to increasing services in the future."

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