



Superior Court of California County of Fresno



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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
ON THE
PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE KERMAN BRANCH COURT**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to implement reductions to meet budget targets. The Fresno Superior Court is not exempt from this process. During the current fiscal year, the Court has had to absorb a net cost reduction to its operating budget in the amount of \$4.6 million. At a minimum, the Court is anticipating similar cuts to its budget over the next few fiscal years.

Pursuant to California Rule of Court, rule 10.620, the Superior Court of Fresno County is hereby giving notice that it is seeking public input regarding a proposal to permanently close the Kerman Branch Court in early 2009. Any interested person or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by emailing the Court at Infodesk@fresno.courts.ca.gov.

To gather as much information as possible from the public regarding this proposal, and before making any final decision, a public meeting will be held on the following date and time:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
KERMAN SUPERIOR COURT
719 South Madera Ave.
Kerman, California**

Should the Court prepare any written materials, such materials will be posted no later than December 9 on the Court's website at www.FresnoSuperiorCourt.org, or such materials can be requested by emailing the Court at Infodesk@fresno.courts.ca.gov, or such materials can be picked up at any Court Clerk's Office public window at any court location in the county.

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