



Superior Court of California County of Fresno



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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ON THE
PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE FOWLER BRANCH COURT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009
4:30 PM TO 5:30 PM
FRESNO SUPERIOR COURT, FOWLER BRANCH
127 E. Merced Street
Fowler, California**

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. The Fresno Superior Court is not exempt from this process. During the current fiscal year, the Court has had to absorb \$10,654,000 in direct cuts and unfunded cost increases. The Court is anticipating similar cuts and absorption of unfunded cost increases 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 Fowler Branch Court, effective in June 2010. 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:

Should the Court prepare any written materials, such materials will be posted no later than November 10, 2009, on the Court's website at 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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