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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 86054 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION URGING THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO RELOCATE ALL UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTIONS AND THE SELF-HELP CENTER TO HAYWARD AND INSTEAD TO LOCATE OAKLAND UNLAWFUL DETAINERS AND A SELF-HELP CENTER IN AN OAKLAND COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Superior Court has announced that all unlawful detainer actions and the Court's Self-Help Center will be located in the Hayward Hall of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Oakland and the other Alameda County cities north of Oakland (Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany) have the largest low-income population in Alameda County; the largest population of low-income residents and nearly one-half (46%) of County renter households that earn $25,000 per year or less, are located in Oakland, while, according to census data sixty percent (60%) percent of Alameda County's residents living in poverty reside in Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and Albany; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has twenty-eight percent (28%) of Alameda County's households, but a disproportionate percentage of renter households and low-income renter households; having thirty-six percent (36%) of the renter households in the County with fifty-five percent (55%) of all Alameda County renter households residing in Oakland and the northern Alameda County cities of Berkeley, Albany, and Alameda;

WHEREAS, all the legal services that assist low-income tenants (East Bay Community Law Center, Eviction Defense Center, Bay Area Legal Services, and Centro Legal de La Rasa) are located in Oakland and Berkeley, if their attorneys need to travel to Hayward to assist Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and Emeryville tenants, the additional travel time will reduce the number of clients they will be able to assist;

WHEREAS, the Hayward Courthouse is not close to BART while the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland is convenient to BART and other modes of public transportation and, according to Google Maps calculations, it takes longer to get to the Hayward Courthouse than the Oakland Courthouse from nearly all Alameda County city centers; and

WHEREAS, low-income residents are those most likely to have to rely on public transportation to get to a courthouse and are the citizens most likely to need self-help services and to need to defend unlawful detainer actions;

WHEREAS, the difficulties in reaching the Hayward Courthouse will increase the likelihood that many low-income residents and tenants will not be able to adequately defend actions against them and will incur significant wage losses by having to take more time off from work to attend case management conferences, hearings, and trials— the effect may also be to require the Court's to hear more motions due to persons being late for court proceedings due to the transportation difficulties;

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Superior Court did not adequately vet the restructuring of the Courts in order to obtain significant public input into the restructuring plan;

WHEREAS, both the Alameda County Superior Court's vision and mission statements emphasize the Court's commitment to equal access to the courts, but the relocation of unlawful detainers and Self-Help Center to Hayward are contrary to that commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council asks the Alameda County Superior Court to reconsider its decision to relocate all unlawful detainers and the Self-Help Center to the Hayward Hall of Justice; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council asks the Alameda County Superior Court to locate a Self-Help Center in an Oakland courthouse and to locate the unlawful detainer actions for the cities in Northern Alameda County in an Oakland courthouse.

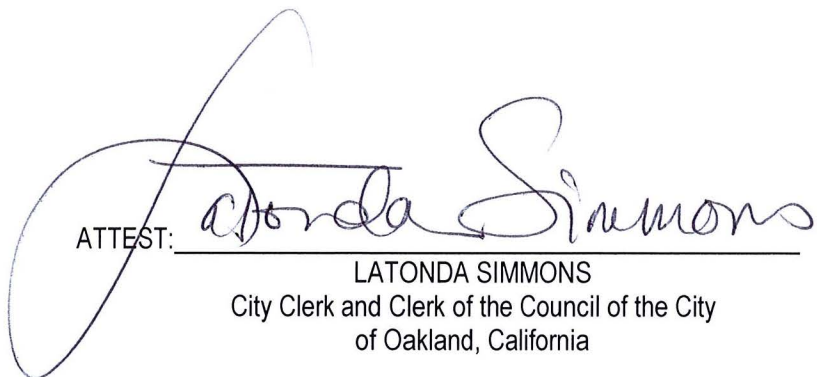IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,   MAR 15 2016

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -   BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY — 8

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 0

ABSTENTION – 0

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City
of Oakland, California

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COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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Mission & Vision Statement

Vision Statement

The Court and its employees strive to become recognized for their service excellence, dedication, integrity, impartiality, competence and diversity, as well as their commitment to ensuring equal access to court services and enhancing public confidence in the court system.

Mission Statement

The Court shall fairly and efficiently resolve disputes arising under the law and shall apply the law consistently, impartially, and independently to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions of California and the United States. The employees of the Court shall strive for service excellence and, through their dedication and professionalism, implement the policies and procedures established by the judiciary and legislature. The judges and employees are committed to ensuring equal access to court services and enhancing public confidence in the court system.

CHANGES TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CIVIL & COMPLEX

CONSOLIDATED IN HAYWARD

FAMILY LAW

GENERAL CIVIL

SELF-HELP CENTER

FREE STANDING DV | PROBATE | UNLAWFUL DETAINERS

TRAFFIC

BERKELEY   OAKLAND

HAYWARD   DUBLIN
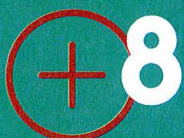
CRIMINAL MATTERS

FELONIES

RENE C. DAVIDSON

EAST COUNTY HALL OF JUSTICE

MISDEMEANORS

WILEY MANUEL

FREMONT

+8

NEW COURTROOMS AT THE EAST COUNTY HALL OF JUSTICE

NEW SETTLEMENT UNIT

2/3 CIVIL

1/3 FAMILY LAW