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By: A. HUSTED, Deputy

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

**IN RE: EXTENSION OF ORDER  
APPOINTING COUNSEL IN NEW  
CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE  
CASES**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT  
ORDER NO. 111620-104**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant health and safety concerns nationally, throughout the State of California, and in San Diego County.


In response to the pandemic, the court was closed to the public and suspended services, except for certain time-sensitive and essential functions, from March 17 to May 22, 2020. (See General Orders of the Presiding Department, Ord. Nos. 031820-34, 040320-39, and 043020-47.) The court resumed most services on May 26, 2020; however, with community spread of COVID-19 still a concern, many services have been and will continue to be provided remotely, and the court continues to experience substantial operational impediments.

For good cause and pursuant to the court's inherent supervisory and administrative authority and the Presiding Judge's duty to promote access to justice for all members of the public, taking into account the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603), this court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1 The orders set forth in this court's General Order of the Presiding Department, *In re:*  
2 *Appointment of Counsel in New Criminal and Juvenile Justice Cases to be Filed Once the Court*  
3 *is Fully Operational After the COVID-19 Pandemic*, Order No. 032720-37, as extended by General  
4 Order Nos. 052720-57, 062920-70, 080320-80, and 090820-88, are extended from November 18,  
5 2020, through December 31, 2020, inclusive, for all cases in which the San Diego District  
6 Attorney's Office ("DA") and the San Diego City Attorney's Office ("CA") file new criminal or  
7 juvenile justice charges.

8 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
9 **UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.**

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12 DATED: November 16, 2020

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15 **HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE**  
16 **PRESIDING JUDGE**