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## San Diego Superior Court Closed Wednesday, June 16, 2010 *End of Statewide Court Closures on Third Wednesday*

The San Diego Superior Court will close all courtrooms and business offices on **Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The June 16<sup>th</sup> closure will mark the end of the statewide court closures.** The San Diego Superior Court will be open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month in July and August as court officials assess the current court budget projections.

In 2009, The California Judicial Council approved the unprecedented one-day-a-month closures for all state courts to address the ongoing statewide financial crisis and the Legislature's reduced state funding to the courts. In San Diego, the closures included a one-day-a-month furlough of court staff, which resulted in a savings for the struggling court budget.

The statewide court closures were authorized by Government Code section 68106, which expires at the end of June. Government Code 68106 ruled the court closure days would not count as official court days for purposes of calculating statutory or filing deadlines.

"We understand the impact these closure days had on the public, especially those who appeared at our traffic court to address citations. We are pleased we will be able to keep the doors open to the public but ask for patience as we continue to try to provide quality customer services with reduced staffing and increasing lines," says Michael Roddy, San Diego Superior Court Executive Officer.

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The expiration of the statute for closing the courts does not necessarily translate into a cessation of court staff furloughs. “We will be reviewing what funds the court will be receiving this year from the state budget and, if needed, court staff may have to continue with furloughs. However, those furloughs will not result in a public closure of the court at this time,” adds Roddy.

The public can obtain current closure information by visiting the court’s website at [www.sdcourt.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov) .

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