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San Diego Superior Court Open Third Wednesday of the Month End of Statewide Court Closures

The San Diego Superior Court's courtrooms and business offices will be open on the third Wednesday of the month in July and August as court officials assess the current court budget projections. July 1st marked the end of the statewide court closures.

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 expired 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.

The Court's goal is to avoid court closures as it wrestles with dwindling resources and increasing demands. Court officials are asking for patience with increasing lines and processing times.

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