

## PRESS RELEASE

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## VICTORVILLE CHILD SUPPORT AND CIVIL MATTERS SCHEDULED TO MOVE TO BARSTOW

**VICTORVILLE, CA**— Beginning November 9, 2020, child support and civil matters (civil harassment, elder abuse and name changes) heard in Department V15, of the Victorville Courthouse, located at 14455 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, in Victorville, will relocate to Department B5 at the Barstow Courthouse, located at 235 East Mountain View Street, in Barstow.

This move is phase I of the court's long-term High Desert Reorganization plan, which will ultimately establish a full service Family Law Courthouse at our Barstow location, in spring 2021. This phase will also increase the court's ability to comply with social distancing protocols, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

All parties who have child support or civil cases heard in Department V15 should report to Department B5 at the Barstow Courthouse beginning Monday, November 9, 2020. Notices will be mailed to all parties with cases on calendar. Signage will also be posted outside Department V15 to alert individuals of the upcoming location change.

Since 2018, San Bernardino Superior Court has been exploring solutions to the overcrowding, every-growing caseload and service challenges in the Victorville Courthouse. After securing space from the County of San Bernardino in February 2020, construction on the Barstow Courthouse has begun and is expected to finish in spring 2021. Shortly after, the Victorville Courthouse will begin construction with an anticipated completion date in summer 2021. This two-phased expansion brings 3.5 family law courtrooms, a full service Self-help Resource Center and a children's waiting room to the Barstow Courthouse. The Victorville Courthouse will achieve an expanded jury room, additional courtrooms to accommodate the increasing criminal caseloads and overall improved access to courthouse parking, hallway space, and seating for the residents of the High Desert.

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