



**Superior Court of California
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

September 3, 2021

Notice to Attorneys and to All Interested Parties:

Invitation to Comment on Proposed Amendments to Local Rules and Forms

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to amend its local rule.

The proposal also may be viewed [here](#) or [here](#). In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov or by phone at 510-891-6012.

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is **October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**
- The proposed amendment takes effect upon approval of the Chair of the Judicial Council or on **January 1, 2022**, whichever is sooner.

Summary and Text of Proposed Local Rule: *see attached.*

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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Title 1. General and Administrative Rules

Chapter 1. General and Administrative Rules

Rule 1.7.1. Prohibited activities in and around a courthouse

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to ensure the orderly conduct of judicial proceedings and court functions, and to ensure the administration of justice is free from actual or perceived outside influence, bias, or control.

(b) Courthouse

As used in this rule, “courthouse” means a building in which court proceedings are held. For multi-use buildings, courthouse means the court-occupied portions of such buildings.

(c) Prohibitions

This rule applies to the following activity occurring in and around a courthouse:

- (1) No person may engage in activity that obstructs or interferes with court functions, including protesting, picketing, and parading.
- (2) No person may obstruct, impede, or interfere with persons entering or leaving a courthouse, or waiting in line to enter or leave a courthouse. This section does not apply to authorized personnel or contractors, or to law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
- (3) No person may post or distribute materials to the general public. This section does not apply to authorized personnel or contractors, or to law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
- (4) No person may engage in commercial activity, including soliciting sales or donations from the general public. This section does not apply to persons engaged in the stationary solicitation of sales as part of any commercial, primarily non-expressive activity that is authorized by a written use permit, license, or agreement.

Rule 1.7.1 adopted effective January 1, 2022.