Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Berkeley Courthouse 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, California 94607

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Newly Renovated Berkeley Courthouse to Take Place on Friday, March 18, 2005

The renovation of the Berkeley Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way in Berkeley, CA has been completed and will be open to the public on Friday, March 28, 2005. The court offices and courtrooms located at 2000 Center Street in Berkeley will be closed beginning Friday, March 25, 2005. All court activities currently available at the 2000 Center Street location will move to the Berkeley Courthouse at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Court personnel will also move from 2000 Center Street to the new Berkeley Courthouse during the week of March 21, 2005 and will be open for business on March 28, 2005.

The courthouse renovation included seismic retrofitting and a complete interior renovation. The newly renovated courthouse will house two Departments of the Superior Court. Commissioner Jon Rantzman will preside in Department 201, hearing Small Claims, Traffic, Limited Civil Law and Motion, and court trials, as well as applications for restraining orders. Judge Frank Roesch will preside in Department 202, a civil trial department.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005, at the newly renovated courthouse following completion of finishing touches. Light refreshments will be served at the event.

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