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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: The Superior Court of Alameda County announces an expansion in public access to Court services effective March 25, 2019.

The Superior Court of Alameda County is pleased to announce two different expansions in public access to Court services, beginning on Monday, March 25, 2019.

As previously announced in December 2018, additional funding provided in the 2018-2019 California State Budget allowed the Court to begin working on the opening of a new North County branch of its Self-Help Center, to be located in the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse, 661 Washington Street, Oakland. As of March 25, this new branch will be open for walk-in clinic Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and will serve up to 45 customers each morning. It will also host by-appointment workshops in the afternoon. Staff in the North County branch will provide assistance with unlawful detainers, small claims matters, restraining orders, name and gender change petitions, and guardianships. Assistance for all Family Law related matters, including child custody and dissolution of marriage, will continue to be provided in the Hayward Self-Help Center only.

Additionally, effective March 25, 2019, all clerk's offices in every courthouse in Alameda County will remain open to serve the public for an additional 30 minutes per day, until 3:00 p.m.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to reestablish a Self-Help presence in North County, and to provide longer office hours to all Court users," said Hon. Wynne S. Carvill, the Court's Presiding Judge. "We look forward to being able to expand access to the Court even more in the future as the Governor and the Legislature continue to restore funding to our trial courts."