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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County receives extension of Emergency Order and issues further Implementation Order.

On May 29, 2020, Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council, issued an Emergency Order extending the authority of the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) to take certain actions pursuant to Government Code section 68115. The Emergency Order generally extends the Court's authority to and through June 27, 2020, and also extends timelines regarding criminal jury trials through July 15, 2020 as detailed below. Today, Presiding Judge, Hon. Tara M. Desautels, signed an Implementation Order exercising this authority granted by the Chief Justice.

Among other things, the Implementation Order generally continues the Court's physical closure to the public—with some exceptions, such as drop box filing, certain criminal hearings, and limited public access to court records terminals—and extends a number of juvenile court timelines.

The Chief Justice's May 29 Emergency Order also authorized the Court to further extend the deadline for holding criminal jury trials by up to 30 days for cases where the "speedy trial" deadline would otherwise fall between June 15 and July 15, 2020. Despite this authority, the Court does not plan to issue a blanket continuance of all impacted criminal jury trials. Rather, the Court recognizes the need to resume criminal jury trials as soon as public health considerations allow. To that end, the Court has been meeting with its justice partners to resolve cases where appropriate, prioritize cases for trial, and discuss the safety measures necessary to resume jury trials. The Court expects to issue further details re future juror summons later this week.