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NEWS RELEASE (For Immediate Release): 6/16/04 **Court Requests Public Feedback on Proposed Budget Reductions**

This is the third year that the Superior Court, County of Santa Clara is experiencing budget reductions. In the last two years, the Court has been successful in absorbing cutbacks by downsizing, restructuring, streamlining operations, and gaining efficiencies through the use of technology. This year, the reductions are so severe that services to the public will be significantly impacted. The Court is seeking public comment on the effect of proposed reductions in services by July 2, 2004. Public comment can be emailed to the Court at publicfeedback@sct.co.santa-clara.ca.us or mailed to SUPERIOR COURT FEEDBACK, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

The Court is considering the following: 1) Reducing public service hours in the Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily; 2) Suspending the use of the *CourtMobile*, a mobile self-service center that provides access to court forms and information for residents throughout the County; 3) Eliminating Night Court sessions for Traffic Court, currently four nights weekly; 4) Reducing Night Court sessions for Family Court's *Parent Orientation* from once-weekly to once-monthly; 5) Reducing Night Court sessions for Small Claims Court from once-weekly to once-monthly; 6) Relocating Night Court sessions for Small Claims Court from the Los Gatos Courthouse to a courthouse in downtown San Jose; and 7) Reducing the number of court personnel resulting in delays in processing court documents and cases.

Please respond as requested above.