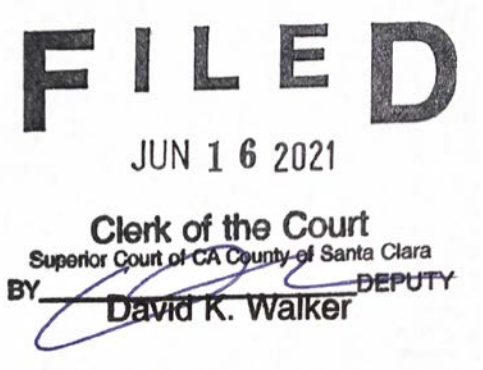

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

GENERAL ORDER RESCINDING THE GENERAL ORDER PROHIBITING EATING IN COURTHOUSES

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency because of COVID-19. Since March 17, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer has issued a number of orders directing those in Santa Clara County to shelter in place with exceptions that have increased and decreased depending on the need to protect the public health from COVID-19 and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability. However, Courts are a critical infrastructure sector and are permitted to maintain continuity of operations while following other public health requirements.

2. On August 28th, 2020, the State released its Blueprint for a Safer Economy ("Blueprint"), which created a tiered system of COVID-19 restrictions that all counties in California must follow. Effective June 15, 2021, the State moved Beyond the Blueprint and lifted most COVID-related restrictions statewide. The County of Santa Clara remains aligned with the State's guidelines.

3. In view of the changes in public health orders, effective immediately, the Court will adjust its operations as follows. The General Order Prohibiting Eating in Santa Clara County

Superior Courthouses, effective December 18, 2020, is rescinded effective immediately. Eating and drinking in public areas, staff breakrooms and offices, and courtrooms will be permitted as authorized by court administration or judicial officers. Unvaccinated employees and court users are cautioned to follow California Department of Public Health requirements.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: June 16, 2021

Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner
Santa Clara County Superior Court