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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

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11 **GENERAL ORDER RE: REQUESTS PURSUANT TO**
12 **CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.500**

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15 This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

16 1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency
17 relating to COVID-19.

18 2. On March 16, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued an
19 order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to shelter at their place of residence
20 except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain
21 essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the
22 spread of COVID-19.

23 3. Essential functions of the Superior Court at this time are limited to proceedings
24 that are required to comply with defendants' constitutional rights, protect the health and safety of
25 the parties or address jail population concerns.

26 4. Protection of public health and safety in connection with this situation has
27 resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services and
28 proceedings.

1 5. Responses to requests for judicial administrative records pursuant to California
2 Rules of Court, Rule 10.500 are not essential functions of the Court and will not be responded to
3 at this time.

4 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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6 Dated: March 23, 2020

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8 Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan