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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 26-105

For business meeting on July 17, 2026

Court Facilities: Naming Request for New Mendocino Courthouse in Ukiah

Judicial Council Report Details

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Effective Date

July 17, 2026

Recommended by

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair

Hon. Eric J. Wersching, Vice-Chair

Date of Report

June 17, 2026

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Report Type

Action Required

Executive Summary

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Superior Court of Mendocino County's request to name the new main courthouse in the city of Ukiah. This approval would establish the facility's official name. Construction of the courthouse began in winter 2025 and will conclude in summer 2027.

Recommendation

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 17, 2026, approve the name "Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino" for the new main courthouse in Ukiah.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The council has taken no previous action on this courthouse naming request. In July 2023, the council adopted its revised *Courthouse Naming Policy* (see Link A).

Analysis/Rationale

Construction of the new main courthouse project began in winter 2025 in the city of Ukiah. The fully funded capital project received authorization in the Budget Act of 2021 (fiscal year (FY) 2021–22) for its performance criteria phase and in the Budget Act of 2022 (FY 2022–23) for its design-build phase, which includes construction. It will provide a new main, seven-courtroom courthouse for all case types, replacing the deficient Mendocino County Courthouse. The new courthouse will offer a modern, secure facility for court services to all county residents. Court Executive Officer Kim Turner submitted the proposed name for this new main courthouse (see Attachment A) based on the naming policy’s location and case type category.

The completion of the courthouse is expected in summer 2027. Therefore, and to assist this project with the design and future fabrication of its signage based on its schedule, the superior court asks that it be allowed to proceed with the name as proposed.

Policy implications

Per the council’s naming policy, requests involving names of court facilities based on location and case type require evaluation by the committee, with a recommendation directly to the council. The committee reviewed the naming request against the naming standard by location and case type—under section III.B.2.a of the council’s *Courthouse Naming Policy* (see Link A)—and found that it complies with all requirements

Comments

On May 29, 2026, the committee held a public meeting for the evaluation of the naming request, which resulted in a unanimous vote that the council approve the request. The naming request was posted in advance for public comment on May 26, 2026, and no public comments were received.

Alternatives considered

Because of the naming request’s precise compliance with the council’s naming policy, no alternatives to the recommended action were considered.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The costs of designing and fabricating the signage for the new main courthouse in Ukiah will be paid from the project’s capital-outlay budget.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Courthouse naming request from Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Mendocino County, May 5, 2026
2. Link A: [*Courthouse Naming Policy*](#) (revised July 21, 2023)



**Superior Court of California
County of Mendocino**

CARLY DOLAN
Presiding Judge

VICTORIA SHANAHAN
Assistant Presiding Judge

KIM TURNER
Court Executive Officer

May 5, 2026

Hon. Brad Hill
Administrative Presiding Justice of the
Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, and
Chair of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee
2424 Ventura Street
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RE: Request for Approval of Name for Mendocino Courthouse

Dear Justice Hill,

On behalf of the Mendocino County Superior Court and in accordance with the Judicial Council policy on courthouse naming, I write to submit the Court's preferred name for our new main courthouse, located in Ukiah, California. This facility will be a state-of-the-art, LEED certified and fully ADA compliant courthouse with seven courtrooms to adjudicate proceedings in all case types. The judges met last week and have determined that they want the facility to be named:

**Superior Court of California
County of Mendocino**

We have just completed our first year of construction on this new facility and are on target to complete the project by July of 2027. We look forward to our ribbon-cutting with great anticipation and would like to extend an invitation to you and all CFAC members to attend this event.

Please let me know if you need further information to grant this request to approve the name of the courthouse.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Turner", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Turner
Court Executive Officer