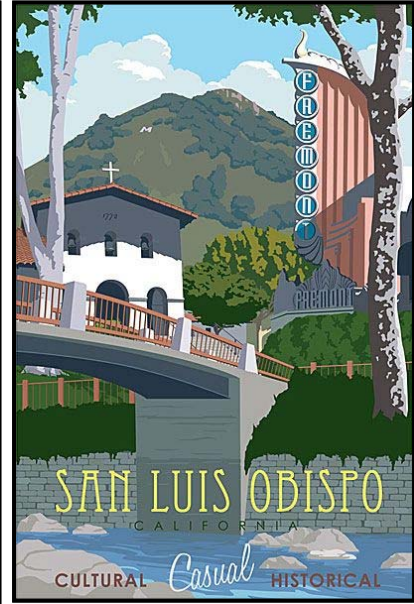
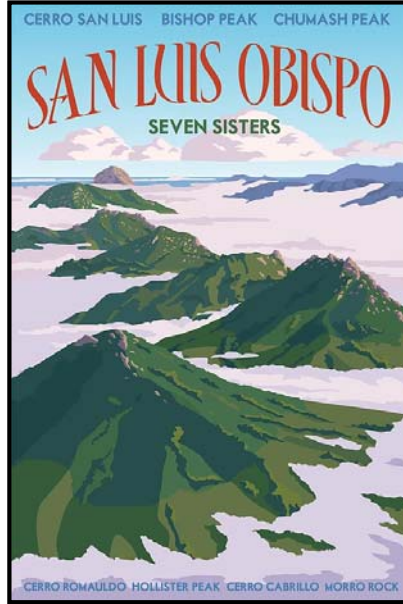


SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



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JUDICIAL COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

JUDGE KEVIN C. BRAZILE
LIAISON TO SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

**GOOD MORNING CHIEF AND
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THIS IS
THE LIAISON REPORT FOR A VISIT TO
THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SUPERIOR
COURT ON JUNE 8, 2018**

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY IS
LOCATED IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
AND IS ABOUT HALF WAY BETWEEN
LOS ANGELES AN SAN FRANCISCO. IT
HAS A POPULATION OF 283,000 AND
CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 3,300
SQUARE MILES. IT WAS CREATED IN
1850 AT THE TIME OF STATEHOOD.**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO IS THE THIRD LARGEST PRODUCER OF WINE IN CALIFORNIA BEHIND SONOMA AND NAPA COUNTIES. SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY IS ADJACENT TO SANTA BARBARA TO THE SOUTH, KERN COUNTY TO THE EAST AND MONTEREY AND KINGS COUNTIES TO THE NORTH.

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**THE HISTORIC COUNTY
COURTHOUSE WAS OPENED IN 1940
AND REPLACED A GREEK REVIVAL
BUILDING THAT WAS BUILT IN 1873**

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**THE COURTHOUSE IS LOCATED
ADJACENT TO AND NEXT TO THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND WAS
OPENED IN 1980.**

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THE PRESIDING JUDGE IS GINGER GARRETT. I SPENT THE ENTIRE MORNING WITH HER AND SHE GAVE ME A TOUR OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COURTHOUSE. I ALSO HAD LUNCH WITH HER AND SEVERAL OTHER JUDGES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, WHICH IS WITHIN 3 BLOCKS OF THE COURTHOUSE.

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CEO MICHAEL POWELL, GAVE ME A TOUR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE. BOTH MICHAEL AND JUDGE GARRET EXPLAINED TO ME THE COURT OPERATIONS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY. IN TERMS OF NEEDS OR CONCERNS SHARED WITH ME BY

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THE JUDGES.

They included:

**THE NEED FOR HOLDING CELLS AT
THE PASO ROBLES COURTHOUSE SO
THAT CRIMINAL CASES CAN BE
HANDLED IN THE NORTHERN PART
OF THE COUNTY.**

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COURT OPERATIONS

Judges	13
Commissioners	2
Administrative Staff	129
Judicial Vacancies	0
Operating Budget	\$17,350,000
Yearly Filings (2017)	58,000

SAN LUIS OBISPO SUPERIOR COURT CONSISTS OF 13 JUDGES, 2 COMMISSIONERS, AND 129 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. THERE ARE NO JUDICIAL VACANCIES. THE COURT'S OPERATING BUDGET IS \$17,350,00 AND THE NUMBER OF YEARLY FILINGS (2017) ACROSS ALL CASE TYPES IS 58,000.

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COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE

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12 COURTROOMS AND CRIMINAL AND FAMILY LAW IS HANDLED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COURTHOUSE, WHICH CONSISTS OF 3 FLOORS. SAN LUIS OBISPO ALSO HAS AN ADULT DRUG COURT...VETERANS COURT AND BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT COURT

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WALL OF RETIRED JUDGES

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**UNIQUE OVAL SHAPED
COURTROOMS LOCATED IN THE SAN
LUIS OBISPO COURTHOUSE, SUCH AS
THE JURY BOX, COUNSEL TABLE AND
WELL**

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THE SELF HELP CENTER IS OPEN 4 DAYS A WEEK AND ASSISTS OVER 7,200 LITIGANTS A YEAR. THE SELF HELP CENTER IS OPEN FOR WALK INS 4 DAYS A WEEK AND SEE'S PEOPLE FOR APPOINTMENTS ON FRIDAYS; SO IT IS A 5 DAY/WEEK SERVICE.

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USED TO BE THE FORMER BOARD ROOM FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. UPDATED AND MADE STATE OF THE ART.

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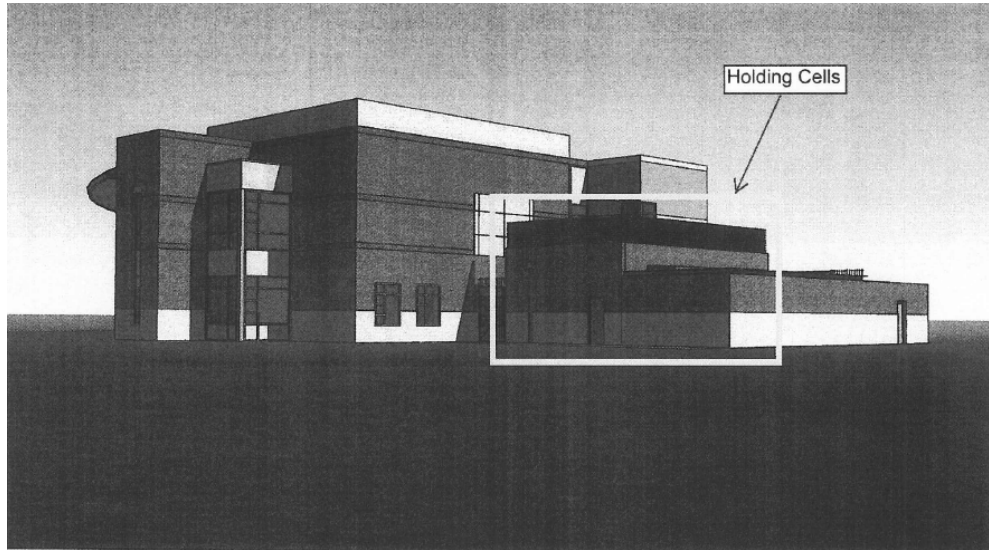


2 COURTROOMS AND HANDLE CIVIL (1) AND FAMILY LAW (2). OPENED IN 2008 AND LOCATED ABOUT 32 MILES FROM SAN LUIS OBISPO COURTHOUSE. NO CRIMINAL DONE IN PASO ROBLES DUE TO THE LACK OF A LOCKUP FACILITY. ALSO HANDLE UNLAWFUL DETAINERS

(UD), AND PROBATE

THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOLDING CELLS FOR THE PASO ROBLES BRANCH IS A PRIORITY FOR THE COURT, ALTHOUGH THEY UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT AS URGENT AS OTHER PROJECTS. THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A FULL SERVICE COURT FOR THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

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NEW HOLDING CELL ADDITION - VIEW FROM NORTHWEST
(FOREGROUND STRUCTURES NOT SHOWN)

PASO ROBLES SUPERIOR COURT

PROPOSED HOLDING CELL ADDITION VIEWED FROM REAR OF BUILDING

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PASO ROBLES COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

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**TRAFFIC AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES
HANDLED HERE 4 DAYS PER WEEK.
GROVER BEACH COURTHOUSE
CLOSED IN 2012 FOR BUDGETARY
REASONS**

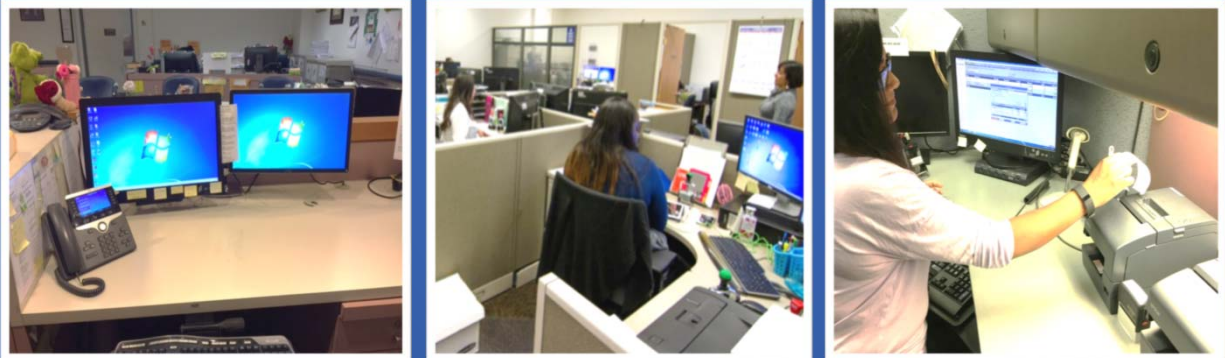
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**USED BY COURT STAFF AND
ASSIGNED JUDGE AS OFFICE SPACE**

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TECHNOLOGY



THE FIRST COURTHOUSES TO ADOPT TYLER ODYSSEY FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS) AND WENT LIVE WITH ALL CASE TYPES IN JANUARY 2014. SAN LUIS OBISPO IS PAPERLESS IN TRAFFIC, CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW. MANDATORY E-FLING NOW EXISTS IN CIVIL CASE TYPES,

AND FAMILY LAW. WORKING TOWARD E-FILING AND BEING PAPERLESS IN CRIMINAL. ONE OF THE PRIORITIES FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO IS TO BACKFILL NEEDED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) POSITIONS.

VERY HAPPY WITH THE JCC “TECH REFRESH” PROGRAM THAT IS DONE EVERY 4 YEARS. CURRENTLY IT IS ALLOWING SAN LUIS OBISPO TO UPDATE ITS NETWORKING INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS SWITCHES, ROUTERS AND ETC.

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I WISH TO THANK PRESIDING JUDGE GINGER GARRETT AND CEO MICHAEL POWELL FOR THEIR TIME AND THE WARM WELCOME THEY GAVE ME DURING MY JUNE 8, 2018 VISIT. THEY WERE BOTH INCREDIBLY KIND, WELL-INFORMED AND EXTREMELY HELPFUL. THE ENTIRE

BENCH IN SAN LUIS OBISPO OPERATES AS A FAMILY AND THEY GENUINELY CARE FOR AND HELP EACH OTHER. THE COLLEGIALLY AMONG THE BENCH OFFICERS WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE AND WITNESS. THIS WAS VERY EVIDENT WHEN I WENT TO LUNCH WITH A FEW OF THE JUDGES, CEO AND 2 COMMISSIONERS DURING MY VISIT. THE DEDICATION TO FAIRNESS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE BY THE ENTIRE SAN LUIS OBISPO BENCH IS AMAZING. THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE COURTHOUSE AMONG STAFF AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS IS ONE OF TEAM WORK AND EVERYONE ENJOYS WHAT THEY DO AND THEY ALL DO THEIR

JOBS IN OUTSTANDING FASHION. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT I DID NOT SPEND THE WEEKEND IN SAN LUIS OBISPO BECAUSE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WAS SO WARM, FRIENDLY AND CARING. IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO BOTH LIVE AND WORK, NO TRAFFIC AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE, IT JUST DOES NOT GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT.