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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on September 24, 2019

Title

Court Facilities: Naming Request for the
New Civil Courthouse in Menifee
(Riverside)

Agenda Item Type

Action Required

Effective Date

September 24, 2019

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

August 30, 2019

Recommended by

Court Facilities Advisory Committee
Hon. Keith D. Davis, Chair of the
Subcommittee on Courthouse Names

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Executive Summary

The Subcommittee on Courthouse Names of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approving the Superior Court of Riverside County's request to name the new civil courthouse in the City of Menifee the *Menifee Justice Center*. This approval provides a name for the new courthouse, whose construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2020 and end in spring 2022.

Recommendation

The Subcommittee on Courthouse Names of the Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 24, 2019, approve the request to name the new civil courthouse the *Menifee Justice Center, Superior Court of California, Riverside County*.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The council has taken no previous action on this courthouse naming request. In April 2014, the council adopted its revised *Courthouse Naming Policy* (see Link A).

Analysis/Rationale

Currently, the new civil courthouse (known as the New Mid-County Civil Courthouse) is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2020 for the Superior Court of Riverside County in the City of Menifee. It is a Senate Bill 1407 capital project that received funding for Working Drawings and Construction phases through the passage of the 2018 Budget Act (fiscal year 2018–19). It will provide nine courtrooms for civil and family law departments, replacing the deficient Hemet Courthouse, which has five courtrooms, and providing four additional courtrooms for future new judgeships. It will offer a modern, secure facility for the expansion of court services within midwest Riverside County. The superior court requests a name for this new civil courthouse based on its location and case type (see Attachment A).

The completion of the courthouse is expected in spring 2022. 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 in Attachment A.

Policy implications

Per the council’s naming policy, requests involving names of court facilities based on location and case type require evaluation by the subcommittee, with a recommendation directly to the council. The subcommittee 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 June 21, 2019, the subcommittee held a public meeting for the evaluation of the naming request, voting unanimously that the council approve the request. In advance of that public meeting, this naming request was posted for public comment on June 14, 2019, 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 civil courthouse in the City of Menifee are paid from this project’s capital-outlay budget.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Courthouse naming request from Presiding Judge John W. Vineyard, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, June 13, 2019
2. Link A: Revised *Courthouse Naming Policy*, April 25, 2014, www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jc-20140425-itemJ.pdf



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

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June 13, 2019

Hon. Keith D. Davis
Chair for the Subcommittee on Courthouse Names
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Re: Naming of a New Civil Courthouse Facility in Riverside County

Judge Davis,

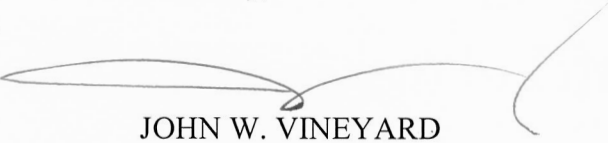
On behalf of the Riverside Superior Court and in accordance with the JCC policy on Courthouse naming, I am writing you to submit the preferred name for our new civil courthouse that will be located in Menifee, California. The new courthouse will have a total of nine courtrooms dedicated to civil and family law departments. Our Court requests the new facility be named:

Menifee Justice Center

Superior Court of California, Riverside County

We are anticipating construction of the new facility to start in April 2020 with completion projected in May of 2022. Please let me know if you require further information to grant our Court approval of the proposed new courthouse name.

Sincerely,



JOHN W. VINEYARD
Presiding Judge