

1 SUPERIOR COURT
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**
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11 IN RE:

12 FAX FILING FEES

13 } GENERAL ORDER OF THE
14 } PRESIDING JUDGE
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16 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Superior Court of California, County of San
17 Bernardino was closed from March 17, 2020 through May 28, 2020, and only hearing
18 essential, time-sensitive matters in accordance with emergency orders and statewide
19 orders issued by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, countywide and statewide orders
20 issued by the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer and the State Public Health
21 Officer, executive orders issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and general
22 implementation orders issued by the court.

23 Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public
24 Health, and local county health departments have recommended stringent social
25 distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and they encourage
26 vulnerable individuals to avoid public gatherings and spaces. They have also required
27 essential businesses to proactively manage social distancing and other safety and
28 health measures. (The State of California has deemed courts essential businesses).

1 These mandates impact the court's ability to provide services, process new and existing
2 case filings, and perform other court work.

3 In her March 30, 2020 statewide orders, the Chief Justice encouraged courts to
4 use technology to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely to protect
5 the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, and
6 witnesses. After careful deliberation, the court has concluded that requiring court users
7 to file certain court documents through courthouse drop boxes, by mail, facsimile, or
8 through online options is the most reasonable and measured way of protecting the
9 health and safety of the public and court personnel by reducing in-person contact at the
10 court.

11 Consequently, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rules 10.603 and 10.815,
12 and the Chief Justice's March 30, 2020 statewide order, the court HEREBY ORDERS
13 AS FOLLOWS:

14 From June 4, 2020 through August 31, 2020, facsimile filing fees shall be waived
15 for any documents filed by facsimile pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rules 2.250
16 et seq.

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18 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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20 Dated this 4th day of June, 2020.

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25 MICHAEL A. SACHS
26 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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