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**PLACER SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY OPTIONS
FOR TRAFFIC HEARINGS**

To address a backlog of traffic cases and provide defendants more options to address their cases, the Placer County Superior Court announces a temporary remote video calendar and a Saturday drop-in calendar for Traffic Hearings, effective Monday, February 22, 2021, as well as *Traffic Ticket: Quick Off-Ramp*, an alternative program for individuals with good DMV records, launching Monday, March 1, 2021.

The remote calendar gives defendants in traffic cases the option to replace already-scheduled in-person appearances with remote appearances that occur on select weekdays after typical court hours, providing defendants a convenient option that avoids in-person contact. Defendants can sign-up directly at the court's website either before their scheduled appearance or after a missed appearance.

The Saturday calendar occurs on the first Saturday of each month, starting Saturday, March 6, 2021. It does not require prior sign-up, giving defendants in traffic cases additional flexibility for resolving their cases. Individuals who wish to have their case heard prior to their already scheduled court appearance can arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to have their case heard that day. The court is initially limiting the first-come-first served Saturday calendar to 75 defendants.

All non-trial traffic hearings are eligible for the remote and Saturday calendars, including arraignments, pay or appear, and proof of completion of community service. Traffic trials are not eligible at this time.

Traffic Ticket: Quick Off-Ramp, launching Monday, March 1, 2021, will provide an additional option for individuals with good DMV records who are charged with most traffic infractions. Individuals with pending traffic infractions who have no points on their driving record are encouraged to contact the court clerk's office by phone at 916-408-6000 and select "Traffic", beginning Monday, March 1, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each court day, and via live chat on the court's website, beginning Monday, March 15, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each court day to see if their ticket qualifies for this

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program. The program will end Wednesday, June 30, 2021. More information on eligibility is posted on the court's website.

The two temporary calendars and the *Traffic Ticket: Quick Off-Ramp* program are made possible by the California Emergency Rules of Court, as well as one-time funds provided to the court to address case disposition backlogs due to COVID-19. For more information about remote appearances for all case types, and to request to appear remotely, visit the Court's website at www.placer.courts.ca.gov and select Remote Appearance System.

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