



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
Roseville, California

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**PLACER SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES EXPANDED COURT
CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS AND REDUCED REMOTE APPEARANCE
FEES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2023**

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Effective January 3, 2023, the Superior Court of Placer County will expand its Court Clerk's Office hours at all locations and significantly reduce remote appearance fees. Clerk's offices and telephone lines will now be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each court day at all court locations. This represents an expansion of one hour per court day at the Gibson Courthouse in Roseville, Tahoe City Courthouse, and Juvenile Courthouse, and four hours per court day at the Auburn Historic Courthouse.

The court's remote appearance fees, as required by Government Code Section 70630 and California Rules of Court, rule 3.672, will be reduced from \$71 to \$25 (plus credit card transaction fees). There are no remote appearances fees for criminal, traffic, juvenile, restraining orders, any party with a fee waiver, or in any case where filing fees are not required.

These changes were made possible by the actions of the Legislature and Governor in addressing the need for equitable funding of the California Trial Courts. The FY 2022/2023 State Budget Act included \$100 million in Trial Court Equity funding to address historical inequity in funding among the State's Trial Courts. As a court historically funded below the statewide average for trial courts, the Placer Superior Court received a portion of the Trial Court Equity Funding.

"We are grateful to the Legislature, Governor, and Judicial Council for their recognition of the need for enhanced funding at all California Trial Courts," said the Hon. Alan V. Pineschi, Presiding Judge, "The additional funding they have provided enables us to expand hours and reduce fees for those who choose to appear remotely for their hearings. Both of these efforts serve to further enhance the access to justice options for our community."

As announced in the court's August 2022 [Public Notice](#) on the Proposed Budget, the court also anticipates using these new funds to expand self-help services and reduce wait times for family law mediation appointments. The court anticipates announcing these changes in January 2023.