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Superior Court of Los Angeles County to Host Court and County Resource Fair to Mark Launch of Court's Inaugural Community Justice Center on Friday, Oct. 2

Catalina Island Residents Are Encouraged to Attend Resource Fair to Receive Court and County Assistance That Would Otherwise Require a Trip to the Mainland

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On Oct. 2, 2026, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, in partnership with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, will host a Community Resource Fair and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in the City of Avalon to celebrate the opening of the Court's inaugural Community Justice Center, a resource hub at Avalon City Hall designed to bring Court services within reach of Catalina Island's approximately 4,000 residents.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Community Resource Fair

Catalina residents are encouraged to visit the resource fair for assistance from the Court and County departments that would otherwise require a trip to the mainland. The fair will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, in and around Avalon City Hall.

Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II will join Supervisor Janice Hahn and Avalon Mayor Anni Marshall at 11:15 a.m. for a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the Community Justice Center's opening.

The fair will feature representatives from several Superior Court and Los Angeles County departments, including:

- **Superior Court Self-Help Services**
  - For assistance with restraining orders, child custody, divorce and CARE Court.
- **The Department of Mental Health**
  - For those with family members experiencing mental health challenges.
- **The Department of Public Social Services**
  - For food assistance, employment services and free or low-cost health programs.
- **The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs**
  - For information for tenants and landlords navigating eviction and housing disputes as well as consumer complaints and business licensing.
- **The Department of Child Support Services**
  - For those with questions regarding child support orders.
- **Children and Family Services**

    - For those with child welfare concerns or those seeking family reunification or foster care resources.
- **Los Angeles County Public Defender**
    - For those seeking expungements of past criminal records. Community members seeking expungement should bring their Superior Court of Los Angeles County case numbers they wish to expunge; copies of their criminal docket sheets and/or California Department of Justice rap sheet; a copy of their official identification; supporting documents and character letters.
- **Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**
    - For those seeking assistance with birth, death and marriage certificates as well as property records.

Court Commons

The resource fair will also feature Court Commons, the Court's mobile civic engagement center, which offers residents information on navigating the court system, court careers, the Court's history, and its relationship with sister branches of government.

About the Community Justice Center

The Community Justice Center at Avalon City Hall will feature two self-service kiosks, allowing court users to complete legal tasks and connect directly with the Court's Self-Help Center, without visiting the Catalina Courthouse, which is currently open to the public just one Friday each month.

Residents may access information on the following legal processes:

- **Small Claims**
- **Probate**
- **CARE Court**
    - Learn about assistance for loved ones with a diagnosis of schizophrenia or bipolar 1 with psychotic features.
    - Learn about CARE Court eligibility and the petition process.
    - Connect with Self-Help and Department of Mental Health resources.
- **Civil Harassment, Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Restraining Orders**
    - Learn about the different types of restraining orders available and how someone may qualify.
- **Dissolution (Divorce)**
    - Learn about a joint process for a peaceful divorce.
- **Unlawful Detainers (Evictions)**
    - Learn about tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities and how the eviction process works.
- **Additional online legal resources**

The Community Justice Center at Avalon City Hall will be accessible to the public from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays, at Avalon City Hall, located at 410 Avalon Canyon Road in Avalon, 90704.

Working in partnership with the City of Avalon, the new Community Justice Center exemplifies the Court's commitment outlined in its 2025-2028 Strategic Plan to expand access to justice for the residents it serves.

About the Superior Court of Los Angeles County

The largest trial court in the nation, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County serves a population of almost 10 million across 36 courthouses with a jurisdiction covering over 4,000 square miles that includes 88 cities, 140 unincorporated areas, and dozens of law enforcement agencies. The Court is steadfast in its mission to serve our community by providing equal access to justice through the fair, timely, and effective resolution of all cases.

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