

PRESS RELEASE

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SBSC HOSTS VIRTUAL REOPENING CEREMONY FOR THE BARSTOW COURTHOUSE ON JULY 16, 2021

BARSTOW, CA—San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce that the Barstow Courthouse will reopen on Monday, July 12 providing 3.5 family law courtrooms, a Self-Help Resource Center, Family Court Services, and a children's waiting room to the residents of the High Desert. These services are in addition to those already provided at the Barstow Courthouse including small claims/landlord tenant, civil, child support, and traffic matters. All parties with family law cases heard in the Victorville Courthouse have been noticed and should report to the Barstow Courthouse beginning Monday, July 12, 2021.

In celebration, SBSC invites you to join the Barstow Courthouse Reopening Ceremony <u>virtually</u> on Friday, July 16 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. via the court's official Facebook page (@sanberncourt). Join and listen to the live ceremony hosted by judicial and court executive leadership. Following the ceremony, SBSC invites you to take a virtual tour of the improvements made to the Barstow Courthouse. The link along with a recorded version of the reopening ceremony will be available on the <u>High</u> <u>Desert Reorganization</u> webpage.

Since 2018, SBSC has been seeking solutions to the overcrowding, evergrowing caseload, and service challenges presented in the Victorville Courthouse. SBSC was able to thoughtfully plan and set aside funds with the Judicial Council to move forward with this project before the recession impacting the local budget. After securing space from the County of San Bernardino in February 2020, child support and civil matters (civil harassment, elder abuse, and name changes) moved from the Victorville Courthouse to the Barstow Courthouse in November 2020.

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