



## Superior Court of California County of Orange

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### **Orange County Board of Supervisors Approve Proposal for a New South County Courthouse**

Santa Ana - The Orange County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved a proposal to design and construct a new South County courthouse facility.

The proposal, introduced by Supervisor Wilson and County Executive Officer Dr. Michael Schumacher, calls for an estimated 110,000 square feet facility to be constructed on land at the existing Justice Center, located on Crown Valley Parkway in Laguna Niguel. The proposed facility would accommodate 10 courtrooms and space for all court related functions such as staff from the Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff and Probation. No overnight inmate holding cells are planned for the proposed facility.

Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court Frederick P. Horn said, "I'm impressed by the cooperation extended by all parties to enable the Board of Supervisor to move forward on this project." He added, "Today's action represents tremendous progress in the Superior Court's effort to obtain the court facilities needed to adequately serve the public in South Orange County."

The first step in the process will be the selection of the architects and engineers who will prepare a site master plan and design for the new courthouse. The "Requests for Qualifications" to solicit proposals for architects and engineers will be developed and issued by the County Public Facilities and Resources Department (PF&RD).

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