



**Second Judicial District Court
Bernalillo County New Mexico**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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**STATE BUDGET CUTS FORCE
REDUCTION IN OPERATING HOURS OF COURT PUBLIC SERVICE WINDOWS**

State budget cuts to the Second Judicial District Court's (SJDC) operating budget has forced the Court to reduce the number of hours its public service windows are open.

Effective Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the SJDC service windows for the Civil, Family and Criminal Clerks Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Courthouse will remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The court's information desk will also remain open for questions and telephone calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“These measures will not impact the adjudication of cases” said Chief Judge Nan Nash, “and the judges have made arrangements to address emergency filings as necessary.”

“Chronic underfunding of the judiciary along with recent budget cuts has left the Court with no alternative but to leave 23 clerk and other positions vacant” said CEO Noel, “and the Clerk’s Office has been hit particularly hard. Our clerks face significant challenges in keeping up with the volume of filings received over the counter and through e-filing.” Noel indicated that the clerk’s office processed 671,909 docket entries in FY16 and is on track for a similar volume in FY17 (the current state fiscal year).

“What our clerks are doing now is both providing service to the public as well as processing filings,” Noel said. “The problem is that, given the reduction in our workforce coupled with an increase in filings, they simply cannot keep up with processing all the filings while also servicing the public.”