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TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENTS, TRIALS MOVING FROM TORRANCE COURTHOUSE TO INGLEWOOD COURTHOUSE

Effective July 31, 2023, the Court is moving all traffic and non-traffic infraction arraignments and trials originating in the Torrance Courthouse, 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, to the Inglewood Courthouse, One Regent St., Inglewood, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court David W. Slayton announced today.

Access to justice for litigants remains a priority, and the Court will continue to provide the option for parties to appear remotely using LACourtConnect (LACC), the Court's remote courtroom appearance technology.

Here is what traffic litigants with citations assigned to the Torrance Courthouse need to know about court appearances:

- All courtroom appearances for traffic and non-traffic infractions originating at the Torrance Courthouse, including arraignments and trials, will be calendared in Department N at the Inglewood Courthouse.
- Litigants who have a scheduled court appearance in Torrance on or after July 31, 2023, will receive a notice informing them their matter will be moved to the Inglewood Courthouse. Hearing dates and times will not change.

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- All parties may continue to appear remotely using LACC (audio or video) for arraignments, certain trials, and other court hearings.
- Please note: remote appearances are not allowed if litigants have documents or other evidence such as photos or videos to present during trial. Also, remote appearances are not allowed if the defendant's identity is in question.
- Remote appearances are allowed in red light camera infraction proceedings for arraignments only, not trials.

Here is what litigants with citations assigned to the Torrance Courthouse need to know about customer service in the Traffic Clerk's Office:

- Other than appearances before a judicial officer, the Torrance Traffic Clerk's Office remains open and available for all other services.
- Litigants with infraction citations issued anywhere in LA County can use the Court's Traffic Call Center at (213) 633-6300 to pay their citations or schedule arraignments and trials.
- Litigants with infraction citations also may pay their tickets, enroll in a payment plan, schedule arraignments, or seek customer service in person at the Traffic Clerk's Office at both the Torrance and Inglewood Courthouses as well as any Los Angeles County courthouse with a Traffic Office.

Visit the Court's Traffic webpage at <u>this link</u> for information on options to resolve traffic citations. More information on appearing remotely via LACC may be found at this <u>this link</u>.

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