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SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PAUSES COLLECTIONS ON DELINQUENT COURT DEBT DUE TO IMPACT OF REGIONAL WILDFIRES

Temporary Pause on Collection Efforts from Jan. 9, 2025, Through March 8, 2025

In response to the recent and ongoing wildfires impacting Los Angeles County, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (Court) is temporarily suspending active collection efforts on delinquent (past-due) court debts tied to criminal, traffic, family law, dependency, and civil matters in addition to juror sanctions.

"The Court extends its deepest sympathies to all Los Angeles County residents impacted by the wildfires," said Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II. "Temporarily suspending active collection efforts on past-due court debt is one small way the Court can provide meaningful, timely relief for members of our community."

The temporary pause on collection efforts announced today is retroactive to Jan. 9, 2025, lasts through Mar. 8, 2025, and applies to delinquent (past-due) court debt only. Those with past-due court debt tied to criminal, traffic, family law, dependency and civil matters, in addition to juror sanctions, do not need to take further action to address their debt until the temporary suspension is lifted on Mar. 9, 2025.

"The Court recognizes the profound impact the wildfires have had on countless residents across Los Angeles County," Executive Officer/Clerk of Court David W. Slayton said. "With the suspension announced today, the Court is demonstrating its commitment to working within its authority to provide relief where possible."

Resolving Delinquent Court Debt After March 8th:

When collections resume after March 8th, court users can address their delinquent (past-due) court debts by:

- Calling (833) 480-8895 if the traffic ticket and/or court case was filed at any of the following court locations: Alhambra, Antelope Valley, Bellflower, Burbank, Catalina, Central Arraignment, Chatsworth, Compton, Downey, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Torrance, or Van Nuys East or West.
- Calling (844) 598-2699 for all juror sanctions and if the traffic ticket and/or court case was filed at any of these court locations: Airport, Beverly Hills, Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, El Monte, Metropolitan, Santa Monica, Pomona or West Covina.

The Court also offers the "My Citations" tool for court users to resolve both delinquent (past-due) and nondelinquent court debt for traffic citations only. The tool enables court users to request an extension, request a payment plan, request community service and/or request an overall reduction to the amount due for delinquent or non-delinquent traffic infractions. The tool can be accessed here. View this video for more information on how it works.

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