

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: SUPERIOR COURT *js*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-14

Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine X

AGENDA DATE June 12, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES pht NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 603.5 APPLICABLE TO JUVENILE TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS. WHICH WILL ALLOW THESE CASES TO BE DEALT WITH AT ADULT TRAFFIC COURT.**

STAFF  
RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS:

**APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION MAKING WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 603.5 APPLICABLE TO JUVENILE TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS. WHICH WILL ALLOW THESE CASES TO BE DEALT WITH AT ADULT TRAFFIC COURT.**

FISCAL  
IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the County general fund. This is only a change in the processing location of Juvenile Traffic Infraction cases.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-430

On motion of Supervisor Caruso, Seconded by Supervisor Simon  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:** The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court have determined that juveniles charged with traffic infractions can be dealt with more efficiently and with significant cost savings by combining this function with the Adult Traffic Court at the Floyd Avenue facility. In order to implement this change. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 603.5 requires the board adopt a resolution that juvenile traffic infraction cases such as speeding violations and running stop signs, etc., are not subject to the provisions and procedures set forth in juvenile court law. Adoption of the proposed resolution will improve the processing of juvenile traffic infraction cases by removing the confidentiality requirement that governs more serious juvenile court cases. More serious traffic misdemeanor cases such as driving under the influence and reckless driving will remain in the Juvenile Court. The Chief Probation Officer supports this proposition and views it as a positive change in juvenile case management by separating the minor traffic violators from the more serious criminal offenders who now must share a common waiting area at the Juvenile Court.

**POLICY ISSUE:** The request is consistent with the County Mission Statement: Serve the public interest in an efficient, cost-effective manner”, and also consistent with the Board’s priority of Efficient Government Operations.

Board approval is required in order to adopt a resolution.

**STAFFING IMPACT:** There is no staffing impact with this action. Existing Superior Court personnel will process juvenile traffic infraction cases at the new location.