THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined on 21 prior occasions that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa (Court). Based on those determinations, and pursuant to the Court's requests, prior corresponding emergency orders issued authorizing the Court to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Rebecca C. Hardie, it is now determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(c)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than five days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 20, 2021, to April 16, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)); and

- Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than five days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 20, 2021, to April 16, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11)).

Date: March 18, 2021

T. Cantil-Sakauye

Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council