

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
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4 GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
5 AUTHORIZED BY CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

6 Given the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Superior Court of Contra Costa
7 County (“Court”) previously requested emergency authorizations from Chief Justice Tani G.
8 Cantil-Sakauye, as Chair of the Judicial Council of California, pursuant to Government Code
9 section 68115. On March 13, 2020, the Chief Justice granted this request and issued an
10 emergency order, which this Court implemented on the same day, and which was effective
11 through April 1, 2020. At the Court’s request, the Chief Justice issued multiple further orders
12 permitting the Court to extend certain relief, which the Court implemented.

13 Because emergency conditions continue to exist, the Court renewed its request. Now,
14 exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the further
15 December 23, 2020, Order of the Chief Justice, this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS**
16 **AS FOLLOWS:**

- 17 1. The time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within
18 which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released
19 from custody is extended to not more than five days, applicable only to minors for
20 whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from December 23, 2020,
21 through January 21, 2021, inclusive; and
- 22 2. The time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within
23 which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a
24 detention hearing is extended to not more than five days, applicable only to minors for
25 whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from December 23, 2020,
26 through January 21, 2021, inclusive.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Dated: December 23, 2020

Hon. Barry Baskin, Presiding Judge

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