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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT LAUNCHES LIVE AUDIO STREAMING FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— The San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is excited to announce the launch of live audio streaming starting on Monday, July 20 for all criminal proceedings held at the San Bernardino Justice Center with an incremental rollout countywide for all case types by August 31, 2020. Due to confidentiality, juvenile delinquency and dependency cases are excluded.

To ensure the public has access to court proceedings during these unprecedented times, SBSC has developed a method for the public to hear courtroom proceedings utilizing the mobile application Zoom or using a touchtone phone. This new alternative method for observing courtroom proceedings is strongly encouraged for all non-parties to avoid coming to court in-person where social distancing protocols and limited courtroom access applies. Reducing public access and maintaining social distancing limits the spread of COVID-19 to court users, the public, judicial officers, and staff.

Aligned with SBSC's 2018-2023 <u>Strategic Plan</u>, leveraging cost-effective technology solutions to implement live audio streaming increases access to justice by preserving public access while allowing for the need to be physically distant during these challenging times presented by COVID-19.

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