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NEW SELF-HELP LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER OPENS AT THE WEST JUSTICE CENTER

WESTMINSTER – The Superior Court of Orange County announces the opening of its third Self Help Center to provide better access to justice for self represented litigants, particularly in the western part of the county. The new center is located on the first floor of the West Justice Center, 8141 13th Street. It is staffed by a self help attorney, and court personnel will assist customers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Following today's noon opening ceremony, self represented litigants will be able to use the center's inventory of court forms and public computers to locate legal and procedural information to properly prepare their legal documents in a variety of cases. Information and resources about civil mediation also will be available.

"This center is a terrific resource for many who are unable to afford legal representation," said Hon. Steven D. Bromberg, Supervising Judge of the West Justice Center. He added, "The court also benefits because self-represented litigants are able to access necessary information and are better prepared, resulting in fewer costly delays and submissions of incomplete forms."

Other in-house Self Help Centers are located at the Lamoreaux Justice Center in Orange and the Central Justice in Santa Ana. Self Help information is also available online at www.occourts.org.

Funding for the self-help centers is provided through a grant from the state specifically to expand the availability of self-help services.