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Grand Opening Ceremony For South Kern Family Justice Center Location

(Bakersfield, CA) – District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced today that the Grand Opening of the South Kern Family Justice Center is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 1:00 pm** at its new location within the Lamont Courthouse at **12022 Main Street, in Lamont**. An additional Family Justice Center location that can serve communities throughout South Kern County has been recognized as a need of the community, and on Wednesday, the opening of the South Kern Family Justice Center will be commemorated with a ceremony for which media outlets are invited to attend. The ceremony will be held just outside the new location, in an area located in the Southwest portion of the property (see included map for details).

The ceremony is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 1:00p.m.** and will feature speakers whose organizations and efforts have culminated in the first expansion of the Kern County Family Justice Center outside of Bakersfield. The Family Justice Center seeks to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking with counseling, economic and housing assistance, law enforcement reporting and prosecution, restraining orders, immigration assistance, and a variety of coordinated services made available by placing representatives and contacts for various forms of assistance that can benefit families under one roof.

The South Kern location, which is located within the courthouse in Lamont at 12022 Main Street, was chosen as a location that is best positioned to aid communities throughout South Kern that have significant need for family-related services to be made more available.

The opening of the South Kern Family Justice Center is the result of collaboration with several community partners throughout South Kern, including; Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, The Open Door Network, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, the Arvin Police Department, the Taft Police Department, The Kern County Sheriff's Office, the Kern County Probation Department, Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Kern County Child Support Services, Kern County Department of Human Services, and Kern County Forensic Services.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the upcoming grand opening, stating; “The communities of South Kern, including Lamont, Arvin, Taft, and Frazier Park can all benefit from the services that the Family Justice Center provides to families in crisis. The cornerstone of an effective Family Justice Center is the ability to make information, counseling, and services both available and accessible to families when they need it most. I am proud of the work we have done to expand the reach of the Family Justice Center to South Kern’s communities and look forward to seeing the Family Justice Center expand its proven ability to help victims and empower families throughout our county.”

12022 Main Street, Lamont

