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PRESIDING JUDGE KEVIN C. BRAZILE ANNOUNCES 60-DAY GRACE PERIOD EXTENSION FOR PAYMENT OF TRAFFIC, NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

Recognizing the economic and other hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic, Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile today extended his initial 90-day grace period to pay Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction fines by an additional 60 days. The grace period is in effect through August 21.

"The Court is making every effort to help people who may have lost a job or become ill during the pandemic," Presiding Judge Brazile said. "Recognizing the many hardships during this public health and economic crisis, we want to give people even more time to take care of these tickets."

The relief announced today includes a 60-day extension on all Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction matters. The Court will take no action to send such matters to collections if they remain unpaid or assess the permissible Civil Assessments.

People do not need to contact the Clerk's Office to take advantage of this relief. **Due to** social distancing protocols, DO NOT come to the courthouse for any in-person services without a prescheduled appointment. Telephone one of the many Call Centers to make an appointment (see below).

Traffic Infraction defendants who have suspended driver's licenses due to unpaid tickets can now call the Court to set a future hearing date and immediately have the Court request a release of their Driver's License Hold from the DMV. Defendants should be aware that COVID-19 has affected the DMV's ability to process these requests, so there may be some delays in lifting the holds.

For general Traffic and non-Traffic Infraction questions, or if you have questions or need help with accounts already in collections, please visit the Court's Traffic webpage at (<u>http://www.lacourt.org/division/traffic/traffic2.aspx</u>) or call one of the Traffic courthouses for more information and assistance. Telephone hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, except Court holidays.

Traffic Courthouse Locations	Clerk's Office Call Center Numbers	Automated Traffic Assistance Numbers
Beverly Hills Courthouse	(310) 281-2499	(213) 742-6648
Chatsworth Courthouse	(818) 407-2200	(213) 742-1884
Compton Courthouse	(310) 761-8659	(213) 763-1644
Downey Courthouse	(562) 803-7046	(213) 763-1645
El Monte Courthouse	(626) 401-2299	(213) 742-1928
Glendale Courthouse	(818) 265-6499	(213) 742-1928
Gov. George Deukmejian Courthouse (Long Beach)	(562) 256-2313	(213) 742-8809
Inglewood Courthouse	(310) 419-1399	(213) 742-8860
Metropolitan Courthouse	(213) 745-3201	(213) 742-1884
Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse	(661) 483-5799	(213) 742-8860
Pasadena Courthouse	(626) 396-3399	(213) 742-1928
Santa Clarita Courthouse	(661) 253-5600	(213) 742-1884
Santa Monica Courthouse	(310) 255-1964	(213) 742-6648
Torrance Courthouse	(310) 787-3699	(213) 742-8860
Van Nuys West Courthouse	(818) 989-6999	(213) 742-1884
West Covina Courthouse	(626) 430-2599	(213) 742-1928