

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
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**EXPANSION OF THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE SERVING INLAND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**ISSUE:** Inland Southern California urgently needs a larger federal courthouse. The current United States District Courthouse for the Central District of California, Eastern Division, in Riverside does not have the adequate facilities to accommodate the Judges and staff needed to serve the growing populations of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Administrative Office of the United States Courts has developed a plan to expand the courthouse in Riverside; however, a feasibility study must first be conducted before proceeding with a Long-Term Facilities Plan.

**ACTION:** The Monday Morning Group urges Congress to immediately fund the General Services Administration’s (GSA) Phase 1 Feasibility Study—part of a set of four studies, each costing under \$1 million—to accelerate implementation of the Long-Term Facilities Plan, including expansion of the Riverside federal courthouse.

**BACKGROUND:** Riverside and San Bernardino Counties collectively serve 4.7 million residents, a figure projected to reach 5.4 million by 2030, making the region one of the nation’s largest and fastest-growing. The existing Riverside courthouse has only four courtrooms shared by six Judges, forcing unprecedented space constraints—three Magistrate Judges share one courtroom, and two share chambers—the only arrangement of its kind in the federal judiciary.

To properly serve the ever-growing Inland Southern California Region, the Administrative Office has developed a Long-Term Facilities Plan to expand the current Riverside courthouse. However, to move forward, GSA must first complete its Phase 1 Feasibility Study, which Congress must fund. Currently, there are four other courthouse projects (two ahead of the Riverside courthouse expansion project) in the funding queue for GSA Feasibility Studies. None of those courthouse projects, however, impact the access to justice of so many Americans as the Riverside courthouse expansion. Delays in funding these studies directly extend the period during which millions of Inland Southern California residents face limited access to timely federal justice.

To expedite the Riverside courthouse expansion, while also recognizing the importance of the other judicial districts and projects, the Monday Morning Group is advocating that all four GSA Feasibility Studies be funded. This would allow GSA to immediately begin moving forward on the Phase 1 Feasibility Study for the Riverside courthouse expansion project. Each of the GSA Feasibility Studies is estimated to require less than \$1 million in funding, making the total expenditure modest for all four studies. Expanding the Riverside courthouse must be a priority to ensure access to justice for all residents of Inland Southern California. Without swift action, the region’s rapidly growing population will continue to outpace the courthouse’s capacity, further straining judicial operations and delaying justice for the community.