FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 15, 2020

Alameda County Law Library Closed Due to COVID-19 – Effective Monday, March 16, 2020

Oakland, CA, March 15, 2020–

Effective Monday, March 16th, Alameda County Law Library will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC to reduce the risk of community spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The closure will remain in effect through Monday, April 6th, but may be extended.

This action is consistent with public library closures throughout the county, the closure of the Alameda County Superior Court Self-Help Centers, and major reductions in Court operations.

All library programs, classes, legal clinics, library partner programs and other events scheduled during this time are cancelled. Conference room reservations and Passport acceptance service are also suspended until further notice.

Due dates for checked-out materials will be automatically extended during the closure period. Patrons do not need to return checked-out materials until the Law Library re-opens to the public.

Remote reference assistance via phone and email will be available Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

- Email our reference staff to ask questions and fulfill document deliveries at lawlib@acgov.org. We are waiving fees and charges for e-delivery up to 25 pages.
- Call us at (510) 208-4832.
- Use the Ask a Law Librarian statewide chat service.
- Visit our website 24/7 at http://lawlibrary.acgov.org to access free legal websites, legal forms, and the Nolo Press eBooks database (login instructions provided on website).

The health and safety of our patrons and our community is our number one priority. We appreciate the understanding, patience, and support of the public and our community partners during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Emily Bergfeld
Director, Alameda County Law Library