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Thousand Oaks City Council Unanimously Approves $2 Million for East County Family Justice Center



THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko and the City of Thousand Oaks announced that the Thousand Oaks City Council has unanimously approved the use of up to $2 million in previously authorized City funding to support the establishment of the East County Family Justice Center (ECFJC) at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

The funding will help cover eligible project costs, including tenant improvements to prepare the facility for operation, lease payments, furniture and computer equipment, information technology infrastructure, and security system installations.

“We are incredibly proud of the cooperative effort that has brought the East County Family Justice Center from vision to reality in Thousand Oaks,” Mayor Mikey Taylor said. “This reflects the hard work, persistence, and collaboration of so many partners committed to strengthening support for survivors and families. The City is honored to help establish this essential community asset, which will serve East County residents with compassionate, coordinated access to critical services for years to come.”

The East County Family Justice Center will be located at 26 Faculty Street on the California Lutheran University campus. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved a lease for the property on August 4, 2026, following a collaborative effort between the District Attorney's Office, the County and the University to identify a suitable location.

“This is an important investment in the safety and well-being of our community,” said District Attorney Nasarenko. “The East County Family Justice Center at Cal Lutheran University will bring together critical services and resources under one roof, making it easier for victims of crime and their families to access the support they need. We are grateful to the Thousand Oaks City Council for its unanimous approval and continued partnership in making this center a reality.”

The Family Justice Center model, administered locally by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, provides coordinated, trauma-informed services in one location for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes. Through partnerships with public agencies and nonprofit organizations, victims and their families can access services that may include safety planning, emergency assistance, housing, legal referrals, counseling, advocacy and support for children.

The City of Thousand Oaks originally authorized up to $2 million in December 2024 to support the purchase of a property for the East County Family Justice Center. After evaluating potential properties, the District Attorney’s Office determined that the University-owned building would provide an ideal location once renovated. The revised funding authorization preserves the City's original $2 million commitment while allowing the project to move forward through a lease rather than a property purchase.