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Napa County Legal Advertisers,

I am writing to make you aware of recent changes to the legal notice landscape – as it relates to publishing notices – in Napa County, and to let you know how *The Press Democrat* can help.

While *The Press Democrat* (and sister publications *The Sonoma Index-Tribune* and *Petaluma Argus-Courier*) is not formally adjudicated in Napa County, the recent decision by the *Napa Valley Register* to reduce their print edition frequency to once per week beginning in February may significantly hinder your ability to satisfy legal requirements where publishing a notice multiple times within a strict date range is necessary.

Government Code Section 6042, states an entity may publish “in a newspaper of general circulation published nearest thereto” when there is “no newspaper of general circulation is published within the jurisdiction of the officer.”

If you find that you are unable to meet your notice deadlines with the one day per week they publish, functionally there is no adequate “newspaper of general circulation published within the jurisdiction of the officer.” Therefore, you are entitled to publish in *The Press Democrat*, which is the adjudicated paper capable of meeting those deadlines “nearest” to Napa County.

The California Court of Appeal has also suggested it can be proper to publish in a newspaper that is not adjudicated in the jurisdiction where the advertisement derives, so long as the adjudicated newspaper is elsewhere adjudicated and “was circulated within” the relevant area.

When you publish your ads with *The Press Democrat*, your notice will also appear online at our local legals website (<https://legals.pressdemocrat.com/>) and at the statewide website (<https://www.capublicnotice.com/>) managed by the California News Publishers Association. Both online options will increase your reach and are free to visitors (no subscription or registration required).

Legal requirements aside, *The Press Democrat* provides excellent news coverage to thousands of print and digital subscribers in Napa County each and every day. *The Press Democrat*, which employs journalists and sales staff who live and work in Napa County, is the only home-delivered, daily newspaper in Napa County. All of our advertising services including legal ads are also performed by local residents.

Our services are designed to give you the best possible experience in ad scheduling, affidavit and tearsheet delivery, whether electronically or via US Mail. We appreciate your consideration as you work to provide the residents of Napa County with critical legal notice information.

For more information, please call Stefanie Puckett at 707-526-8508 or email legals@pressdemocrat.com.

Sincerely,



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