



SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF
SANTA CRUZ
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA ADVISORY

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New Judicial Appointment for Superior Court of Santa Cruz

Governor Newsom has appointed Mandy Tovar to serve as a judge for the Superior Court of Santa Cruz. Judge Tovar is scheduled to be sworn in on October 20, 2025. She will be assigned to Department 1.

Please see the Governor's official press release below for further details:

Mandy Tovar, of Santa Cruz County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court. Tovar has served in multiple roles in the Santa Cruz County Public Defender's Office since 2022, including Deputy Public Defender and Training, Equity, and Development Director. She was a Trial Lawyer at Biggam, Christensen & Minsloff from 2005 to 2022. Tovar was a Deputy Public Defender at the Fresno County Public Defender's Office from 2004 to 2005. Tovar received a Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Timothy R. Volkmann.

[Governor Newsom announces judicial appointments 9.18.25 | Governor of California](#)

