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S.F. immigration court to close at year's end, sources say

Shuttering of court at 100 Montgomery would come after mass-firings of immigration judges



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Protesters stand in solidarity with the immigrant community in front of the immigration court on Montgomery St. in San Francisco. Photo by Mariana Garcia.

The San Francisco immigration court building at 100 Montgomery St. is set to close in January 2027, sources close to the court told *Mission Local* on Tuesday.

Staffers have been informed that the immigration court will not renew its lease at the Montgomery Street location, and that they will be transferred to the Concord immigration court as early as this summer.

Courtrooms at San Francisco's other, smaller location at 630 Sansome St. are expected to remain open, sources told *Mission Local*.

After publication, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), which oversees the country's immigration courts, wrote in a statement that it was relocating the court to Concord to be "cost effective" and that EOIR would "provide official notice to all parties whose cases are reassigned to the Concord Immigration Court."

There were 21 judges at San Francisco's two immigration court locations — with the vast majority at Montgomery Street — in early spring 2025. There will be **just four** left by the end of January 2026.

The Trump administration fired 13 of those judges, and another four are scheduled to retire by the end of the month. There are more than 120,000 pending cases in San Francisco's immigration court backlog, according to the [Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse](#).

Five Concord-based judges have been fired, though two of those judges had not yet started hearing cases when they lost their jobs, according to the National Association of Immigration Judges. **Seven remain**, according to the court's website.

Both the Sansome and Montgomery courts have been sites of monthly **ICE arrests** since May 2025, with arrests significantly slowing down in October and November. So far in 2026, *Mission Local* has not tracked any ICE arrests.

According to the Executive Office for Immigration Review [website](#), 100 Montgomery's "operational status" currently remains open.



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