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# S.F. immigration main court to close following judges' firings, retirements

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San Francisco's main immigration court building is set to close at 100 Montgomery St.  
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San Francisco's main immigration court building is set to close next January, with plans for staff to transfer to the federal court in Concord as early as this summer, according to a source with knowledge of the matter.

The San Francisco court plans to not renew its lease at the 100 Montgomery St. building when it ends next year, though the second location at 630 Sansome St. — which the federal government owns — is expected to remain open, said the source, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and was granted anonymity based on Chronicle policies.

The source said staff were informed of the plans on Tuesday.

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It was unclear why the court will close the Montgomery Street location. The Executive Office for Immigration Review within the U.S. Department of Justice, which oversees immigration courts, did not respond to requests for comment. [Mission Local](#) first reported on the planned closure.

The news follows a [staffing crisis](#) set off after the Trump administration [fired 12 judges](#) in San Francisco last year. Three other judges retired last month and another is set to retire at the end of the month, leaving behind only four judges to handle cases amid a backlog in one of the nation's busiest immigration courts at a time when the current administration is working to fast-track deportations.

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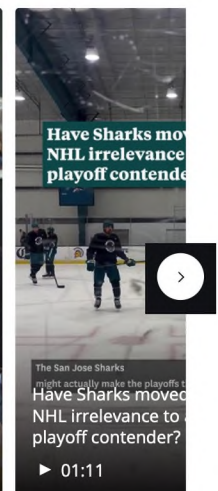
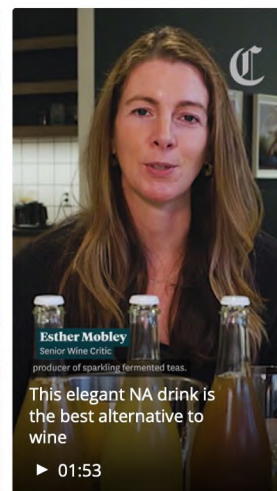
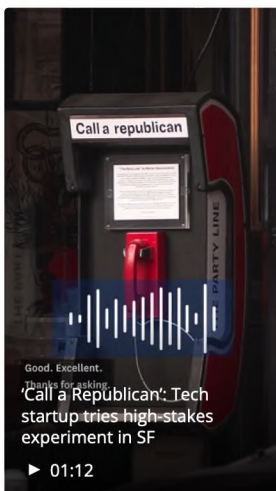
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