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Recruitment for the 2024-25 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Begins

Santa Clara County Residents Encouraged to Apply

SAN JOSÉ, California (November 27, 2023): Presiding Judge Beth McGowen of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is inviting civic-minded individuals to apply for service on the 2024-25 Civil Grand Jury, a vital component of the judicial branch dedicated to upholding transparency and accountability in local governance.

The Civil Grand Jury, an independent body convened annually, acts as the county's civil watchdog agency, empowered to investigate all facets of county and city government, special districts, and school districts. Under the direction of the Court, the Grand Jury is authorized to scrutinize books, records, and financial expenditures, ensuring the responsible use of public funds. Additionally, the Civil Grand Jury is tasked with evaluating the conditions of jails and juvenile detention facilities.

Judge McGowen emphasizes the unique opportunity for citizens to contribute to their community by serving on the Civil Grand Jury, “Service as a Civil Grand Juror offers participants a unique platform to harness their civic responsibility, empowering them to delve into the intricacies of local governance. By actively engaging in the process, individuals have the extraordinary opportunity to cultivate innovative recommendations that not only scrutinize but also elevate government operations, contributing to the continual improvement and efficiency of our community.”

To be eligible, applicants must be 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and residents of Santa Clara County. Persons selected for Civil Grand Jury service must make a time commitment of an average of 25 hours per week for a period of one fiscal year. The term of the 2024-25 Civil Grand Jury will commence on July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025.

In a notable shift to enhance accessibility, the application process for the 2024-25 Civil Grand Jury is now fully online. Prospective applicants can access the 2024-25 application and the Court's Civil Grand Jury brochure online. For inquiries or additional information, please contact Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at 408-882-2721 or CGJ@scscourt.org.

The deadline to submit applications is March 29, 2024. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in your community by actively participating in the oversight of local governance.

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About the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara:

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is committed to providing fair and efficient justice for the community. The Civil Grand Jury plays a crucial role in upholding the principles of transparency, accountability, and civic engagement within the local government.