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County Watchdog Recruitment Gets into Full Swing

Recruitment begins for 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (January 9, 2015): the Hon. Risë Pichon, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, has ordered the recruitment period open for 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury. As part of this effort, the Office of the Grand Jury will be holding five informational sessions throughout the County for prospective watchdogs (see schedule below).

"It's vital that those who are charged with this incredible responsibility reflect the tremendous diversity that makes up Santa Clara County," said Presiding Judge Pichon. "First and foremost we're looking for civic mindedness, strong ethics, and courage, but we also need a mixed set of skills and abilities in our jurors so that we can assemble the deep reservoir of knowledge necessary in this broad oversight role."

Service on the Grand Jury affords citizens a unique opportunity to make a significant contribution to the efficiency and integrity of local government. As the county's top investigatory authority, the Civil Grand Jury has the authority to examine all aspects of county and city government, school districts, and special districts, including inspection of all adult and juvenile detention facilities. The one-year term will begin on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at www.scscourt.org (under Civil Grand Jury). Questions about the informational events or about the Grand Jury may be directed to CGJ@scscourt.org or by contacting Tamara Davis, Deputy Manager of Jury Services, at (408) 882-2721.

Information Sessions

1/29 (12 – 1 p.m.): Board of Supervisors Chambers

70 W. Hedding Street in San Jose

2/3 (6 – 7 p.m.): Milpitas Public Library

160 N. Main Street in Milpitas

2/11 (6 – 7 p.m.): Morgan Hill Public Library

660 West Main Avenue in Morgan Hill

2/18 (6 – 7 p.m.): Campbell Public Library

77 Harrison Avenue in Campbell

2/24 (6 – 7 p.m.): Los Altos Public Library

13 S. San Antonio Road in Los Altos

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 27, 2015.

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