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## **Recruitment for the 2023 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Begins** *Santa Clara County Residents Encouraged to Apply*

SAN JOSE, Calif. (July 12, 2022): Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner has announced that the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2023 Civil Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury is an independent body that is convened on an annual basis by the Superior Court as a part of the judicial branch of government. It serves as the county's civil watchdog agency and may examine all aspects of county and city government, special districts, and school districts. With broad access to public officials, employees, records, and information, the Civil Grand Jury is authorized to inspect and audit books, records, and financial expenditures to ensure accountability of public funds. The Grand Jury is also charged with inquiring into the condition of jails and juvenile detention facilities.

Grand Jury service affords citizens the unique opportunity to give back to their community and contribute to the efficiency of local government by developing innovative recommendations for improving government operations. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and residents of Santa Clara County.

Judge Zayner remarked, "The Court seeks the most qualified applicants of diverse backgrounds reflecting the broad diversity of the population of Santa Clara County, as well as individuals representative of the County's geographical areas and age groups. There is no particular background, training, or experience required to serve – all civic-minded individuals who share a dedication to democratic ideals are encouraged to apply."

Service on the grand jury does require a time commitment of an average of 25 hours per week, or as determined by the Grand Jury.

"We have received exceptionally positive feedback from former grand jurors," Judge Zayner continued. "Those who have served have expressed how their service has contributed to an appreciation of the role of local government, a deeper understanding of how policy and planning impacts the community, and greater empathy for the needs of the community they serve."

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at <http://www.scscourt.org/cgj>. Questions may also be directed to Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at 408-882-2721 or [CGJ@scscourt.org](mailto:CGJ@scscourt.org).

**The deadline to submit applications is September 16, 2022.**

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