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Court Seeks Candidates for Public Watchdog Agency *Recruitment begins for the 2022 Civil Grand Jury panel*

Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner has announced that the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2022 Civil Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury is 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. It is authorized to inspect and audit books, records, and financial expenditures to ensure accountability of public funds. The Grand Jury may also inspect jails and juvenile detention facilities.

Grand Jury service affords citizens the unique opportunity to contribute to local government's efficiency and play an integral part in ensuring that government officials are accountable to residents. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, United States citizens, and residents of Santa Clara County. 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.

"Service on the Civil Grand Jury offers civic-minded individuals an opportunity to engage with their community to critically assess the operations of local governmental entities," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner. "Our Court is currently seeking a diverse group of individuals with strong ethics to help serve the public's interests by investigating complaints and submitting meaningful solutions to a wide range of issues."

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at www.scscourt.org under "Civil Grand Jury". Questions may also be directed to Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at **408-882-2721** or CGJ@scscourt.org.

The deadline to submit applications is September 17, 2021.