## Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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## Santa Clara County Superior Court Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 9 - 13

The Santa Clara County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 9–13, 2022, in honor of the Santa Clara County residents who serve their community through jury duty or Civil Grand Jury membership. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the significant contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in "making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality."

Each year, the Santa Clara County Superior Court and the Judicial Council of California team up to recognize the millions of Californians who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of trial by jury. The need for jurors continues to be a vital and essential function of our justice system. Through their service, disputes can be resolved in a court of law and among peers.

Jurors have the opportunity to:

- Serve their community by ensuring access to justice
- Fundamentality contribute to the American system of law and order
- Take part in the administration of justice by weighing evidence, participating in a trial, and rendering a verdict

"Serving on a jury is an opportunity for us to engage with the Judicial Branch, participate in the administration of justice, and contribute directly to our communities. Our Court recognizes the individual efforts of our jurors and the invaluable service our jurors provide," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner. "Their service ensures that justice is administered fairly and guarantees the Constitutional right of an individual's trial by their peers. We appreciate their contributions, particularly now, as we continue to safely navigate through and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you for your service on behalf of the Santa Clara County Superior Court judicial officers and court staff."

For more information on jury service, contact <u>ssjuryinfo@scscourt.org</u> at **(408) 808-6666**, and visit <u>Santa Clara County Jury Service</u> or the <u>Jury Service section</u> of the California Courts website.

For more information on the Civil Grand Jury, please visit <u>www.scscourt.org</u> under "Civil Grand Jury". Questions may also be directed to Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager for the Civil Grand Jury, at **408-882-2721** or <u>CGJ@scscourt.org</u>.