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PRESS RELEASE

The Superior Court of California for the County of Monterey Announces the 2019-2020 Annual Volunteer Recruitment for the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury

The Superior Court of California for the County of Monterey is currently accepting applications from Monterey County citizens for membership on the 2019-2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury. The Court needs dedicated citizens for this important service.

Serving on the Civil Grand Jury provides a unique opportunity to learn about the workings of our local government.

The Civil Grand Jury is part of the judicial branch of government – an arm of the court. Each year, the Civil Grand Jury closely examines local governmental agencies and investigates citizen concerns. Past grand juries have investigated diverse local issues such as health care, land use, water supply, public safety, jails and prisons, emergency medical services, education and government finances.

Through its annual report the grand jury makes recommendations to help local governments serve all of us better. The annual report of the Civil Grand Jury provides a foundation for discussion and action to improve local government services.

Citizens interested in serving on the Civil Grand Jury are encouraged to submit an application by Thursday May 16, 2019 and attend one of the three informational and interview sessions to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

In Greenfield: Tuesday, May 14, City Hall 599 El Camino Real Greenfield, CA 93927

In Monterey: Wednesday, May 15, Jury Assembly Room 1200 Aguajito Rd Monterey, CA 93940.

In Salinas: Thursday, May 16, Jury Assembly Room 2nd floor 240 Church Street Salinas, CA 93901

For more information or to apply on-line, visit the Court's website: <u>www.monterey.courts.ca.gov/grandjury</u>

The deadline to submit applications is Thursday May 16, 2019

The 2019-2020 Civil Grand Jury Swearing-In Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Salinas Courthouse, 240 Church Street, Salinas, CA 93901 in Courtroom 1.

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