



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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Court Executive Officer/
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Presiding Judge

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*******PRESS RELEASE*******

ADDITIONAL CIVIL GRAND JURY CANDIDATES SOUGHT!

The Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt is seeking additional applicants for the 2020/2021 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury. The Humboldt Superior Court impanels 19 citizens to act as an independent body of the judicial system. The Humboldt County civil grand jury is seeking additional applicants for fiscal year 2020/2021. **Unfortunately, we were not able to empanel a Civil Grand Jury in August because there were not enough applicants who were available to participate in the meetings via Zoom, because of the pandemic.** Currently, the Civil Grand Jury meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week in the mornings for approximately 3 – 3.5 hrs. per day, although later in the term the weekly time commitment may increase as needed. In-person meetings will not resume until which time the Public Health Department has lifted the current social-distancing orders.

The Court also encourages interested persons to apply and be considered to serve as alternates, if and when vacancies occur during the term of service. The Court encourages applications from citizens representing a broad cross-section of the Humboldt County community. The primary work of the civil grand jury is to investigate and review citizen complaints concerning the operations of city and county government as well as other tax supported and non-profit agencies and districts. Based on these reviews, the grand jury publishes its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government. **The civil grand jury does not consider criminal indictments.**

Eligibility requirements for grand jury service are:

- Citizen of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Resident of Humboldt County for at least one year before selection;
- In possession of natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment and fair character;
- Sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- Not currently serving as a trial juror in any court in this state;
- Have not been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year;
- Have not been convicted of malfeasance in office or other high crime;
- Not serving as an elected public officer.

For more information and the application process, please visit the Court's web site at: www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov, or contact Administration at 269-1245. You may also complete, download, and email an application to: GrandJuryApps@humboldtcourt.ca.gov. Thank you for your interest!