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Consolidated Final Report
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Back Row: Conrad Hewitt, James Ehrman, Dan Woodard, James Peifer
Third Row: Cheri Stanley, Cheryl Christoffers, Deborah McGrath, Jeffrey Johnson
Second Row: Vic Connell, Philip Pyrce, Hon. Scott R.L. Young, Lee Philipson, Patrick Muleady
Front Row: Robert Haines, Judith Speed, Sheryl Bartholomay, Tammy Smith, Linda Morin,
Linda Pidgeon

2023-2024 Napa County Civil Grand Jury Membership Roster

Sheryl Bartholomay	Napa
Cheryl Christoffers	Napa
Vic Connell (Pro Tem)	Napa
James Ehrman	Napa
Robert Haines (Sec)	Napa
Conrad Hewitt	Napa
Jeffrey Johnson	Yountville
Deborah McGrath	Napa
Linda Morin	Napa
Patrick Muleady	Napa
James Peifer	Napa
Lee Philipson	St. Helena
Linda Pidgeon	Napa
Philip Pyrce	Napa
Judith Speed	Napa
Tammy Smith (Foreperson)	Napa
Cheri Stanley	Napa
Dan Woodard	Napa



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Serving Napa County & Its Citizens Since Statehood

June 30, 2024

To the Citizens of Napa County, The Hon. Cynthia P. Smith, Presiding Judge, and The Hon. Scott R. L. Young, Judicial Liaison:

From the beginning of its statehood, the Constitution of the State of California has required each county to annually form a body composed of citizens to investigate or inquire into county matters of civil concern, including the performance of the duties of the agencies subject to investigation.

The primary function of the Civil Grand Jury is to act as a watchdog of local government; to ensure that the county is being governed honestly and efficiently and that county monies are being handled judiciously. Each civil grand jury is charged and sworn to investigate or inquire into matters of civil concern within its county.

This watchdog function does not end with investigating and reporting. The Grand Jury must also state what it has found and make realistic recommendations about how to improve the way things are done.

The final consolidated report that follows is the product of the 2023-2024 Napa County Grand Jury's investigation and analysis of the performance of the duties of agencies that are part of the government of Napa County.

The Jury considered numerous topics of concern to the citizenry including reviewing a number of complaints submitted by individual citizens. The Jury conducted over 100 interviews and reviewed thousands of pages of documents in the course of its term. Among all these possibilities, the Jury chose, by supermajority vote, to investigate the topics that you see in this report.

During the course of its term, the individuals who served on this Jury came together to work in a very professional way to produce the reports. As the foreperson, I could not have asked for a more collegial and collaborative team.

The Jury hopes that these reports will raise citizen awareness of these particular matters of civil concern and stimulate positive change within the agencies mentioned in the reports.

On behalf of this Jury, it has been a great honor to serve at the pleasure of the Superior Court of Napa County Court on behalf of the citizens of Napa County.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy M. Smith, Foreperson

2023-2024 Grand Jury