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Rancho Cucamonga VIP Senior Club (two events)
Redlands Kiwanis
San Bernardino High School Alumni
San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino County Past Grand Jurors' Association
San Bernardino League of Women Voters
San Bernardino Rotary Club
Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce

Members of the Grand Jury spoke at 12 events reaching a total audience of nearly 500. Additionally, the Grand Jury participated in one booth event and had the opportunity to speak with more than 60 individuals.

A number of San Bernardino County departments provided support and resources that enabled the Grand Jury to achieve success in its initial endeavor to educate and provide outreach. Thanks are extended to the following departments:

- The County Administrative Department for providing the avenue to post press releases publicizing the outreach program on the County's social media outlets.
- Information Services Department for the updating of the Grand Jury website www.sbcounty.gov/grandjury.
- The Telecommunication Services Department for setting up a toll free phone number making it easier for citizens to contact the Civil Grand Jury at 1-855-520-2691.

ATTACHMENT A



2017-2018 CIVIL GRAND JURY

Presenter:

Our Mission

The county Grand Jury is charged by the California Penal Code to investigate all aspects of county government, including cities and special districts, to ensure the county is being governed honestly and efficiently and that county monies are being handled appropriately...



This presentation includes:

An **overview** of the **responsibilities and Jurisdiction** of the **Civil Grand Jury**.



How to file a **Confidential Citizen Complaint**.



How to **Apply** for the **Civil Grand Jury**.

WHAT IS THE CIVIL GRAND JURY?

- The only local independent “**watchdog**” investigative body.
- An arm of the **Superior Court**.
- **Voluntary**.
- **19 citizens** who serve a one (1) year term.



Resources for the Civil Grand Jury



Honorable
John P. Vander Feer
Presiding Judge

The Grand Jury may ask for support and advice from:

- The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
- Grand Jury Assistant
- Legal Advisor / District Attorney
- County Counsel
- Attorney General

Responsibilities/Jurisdiction of the Civil Grand Jury

- Determines if investigations meet the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury.

Examples of our jurisdiction: County, Cities, or Special Districts.

- To investigate, examine and report.
- Conducts **field visits** and **interviews**.



Responsibilities/Jurisdiction of the Civil Grand Jury continued...

- **Inquires** into the **willful** or **corrupt** misconduct of **public officers** and **employees**.
- Examines records and gathers information.
- **Inquires** into the condition and management of the **detention facilities** in the County.
- **Issues reports** for increasing the accountability and effectiveness of local governments.

Training

- State of California Grand Jurors' Association.
- Expert Speakers.
- Report Writing.
- Code of Ethics.
- Investigative and Interviewing Techniques.



A Chance to Improve Your Local Government



HOW TO FILE A FORMAL CITIZEN COMPLAINT

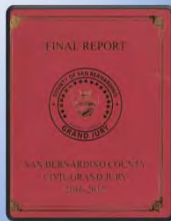
1. Mail it with all supporting documentation to the address on the form.
2. A complaint committee will review and determine if the complaint is within their jurisdiction.
3. You will receive a letter that we received your complaint. However, you may or may not be contacted further.
4. Your name will be kept confidential.

Access Website www.sbcounty.gov/grandjury/citizencomplaint

By law, the Grand Jurors **cannot disclose information** as to any investigations.

A juror must recuse themselves if:

- Employed by an agency within the last three years that is being investigated.
- If there is an investigation that may involve a family member or friend.



FINAL REPORTS / RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS



Access Website www.sbcounty.gov/grandjury/reports



To Volunteer

Who would make a good Grand Juror?

- You are **interested** in how local government works and how it can operate more effectively.
- You are **willing** to cooperate with eighteen other jurors.
- You can **serve** from ten to twenty hours (or more) each week for one year (July 1 through June 30).

Who would make a good Grand Juror continued...

- You are willing to **learn** (or already have) the skills of **listening**, asking thoughtful **questions**, **reviewing** documents, open to feedback and assist in writing reports.
- You can exercise strict **CONFIDENTIALITY** during and after your term as a grand juror.

How to Apply for the Civil Grand Jury



**TOLL FREE
855-520-2691**



Access Website www.sbcounty.gov/grandjury

