



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY CANDIDATES SOUGHT

The Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt is requesting the public to submit applications for the 2024/2025 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury. The Humboldt Superior Court empanels 19 citizens to act as an independent body of the judicial system each fiscal year (term: July 1-June 30). The Court also encourages citizens to apply and be considered to serve as *alternates* if and when vacancies occur during the term of service. The Court accepts applications from citizens representing a broad cross-section of the Humboldt County community. The Civil Grand Jury is currently meeting in-person one day a week and via Zoom one day a week (their weekly meeting schedule and time commitment may vary from 10-30 hours).

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 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: <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/general-information/news-events> or contact Administration at 269-1245. You may also download, complete, and email a Civil Grand Jury Questionnaire to: GrandJuryApps@humboldtcourt.ca.gov. Thank you for your interest in your community!