

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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*****PRESS RELEASE – URGENT REQUEST*****

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY NEEDS MORE APPLICANTS - <u>PLEASE</u>!!!

Humboldt County Superior Court distributed a press release on April 26th to request interested members of our local community to submit applications for the 2023/2024 <u>Humboldt County Civil</u> <u>Grand Jury.</u> However, to date we have <u>not</u> received enough applications to proceed with our normal member selection process and timeline. We implore more members of our community to please apply to serve as a member in order for the important work of the civil grand jury - 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 – to continue without interruption.

Based on the Civil Grand Jury's reviews, they publish reports of its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government, which benefits our local community and county. The Humboldt Superior Court empanels <u>19 citizens</u> to act as an independent body of the judicial system each year. The Humboldt County civil grand jury is seeking applicants for fiscal year 2023/2024 (term: July 1-June 30). The Court also encourages citizens to apply and serve as alternates if and when vacancies occur during the FY term of service. **The Civil Grand Jury is currently meeting both in-person and occasionally via <u>Zoom</u>. The weekly time commitment ranges from 10-30 hours**.

The civil grand jury does not consider criminal indictments, and members cannot be serving as an elected public official.

For more information and the application process, please complete and submit a fillable application on the Court's web site at: <u>https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/grand-jury-questionnaire-rev-5-21-fillable.pdf</u> or contact Administration at 269-1245. You may also request an application, complete/download, and email an application by emailing: <u>GrandJuryApps@humboldtcourt.ca.gov</u>. Or you may return a completed paper application to <u>Jury Services in Room G03</u> (4th Street entrance). Thank you for your interest and support of our local community!