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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SEEKING APPLICANTS
TO SERVE ON THE 2017-2018 CIVIL GRAND JURY

The San Joaquin County Superior Court is seeking applicants to serve on the 2017-2018 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury. The deadline for application submission is March 31, 2017.

Qualified citizens who are interested in obtaining more information about the Civil Grand Jury are invited to attend information sessions to be held on *February 15, 2017* at 6:00 p.m. in the John McFall Room at the Manteca Library, 320 W. Center St., Manteca., *February 22, 2017* at 6:00 p.m. at Humphrey's College, 6650 Inglewood Ave., Stockton - Laurence Drivon Courtroom, or on *March 16, 2017* at 7:00 p.m. in the Wadsworth Room at the Tracy Library, 20 E. Eaton Ave., Tracy.

Applications can be obtained by calling (209) 992-5290 or stopping by the following Superior Court Clerk's Offices between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

Stockton Courthouse, 222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 303
Manteca Courthouse, 315 E. Center Street, Manteca
Lodi Courthouse, 315 W. Elm Street, Lodi

Applications can also be found on the court's website at:

<http://www.sjcourts.org/general-info/civil-grand-jury>

Members of the Civil Grand Jury serve for a one year period beginning July 1, 2017. The Grand Jury is comprised of nineteen citizens whose names are randomly selected from applicants nominated by the Judges of the Superior Court. The Civil Grand Jury inquires into and investigates the functions and operations of governmental bodies, agencies and public officials within San Joaquin County, as well as investigates complaints received from the public. Past reports have focused on juvenile group homes, community college and school districts, jail operations, special districts and housing authorities.

Former grand jury members have found their participation on the Grand Jury to be a positive and worthwhile experience. Gary Spaugh, former Grand Jury Foreperson and semi-retired healthcare administrator, had this to say about his experience: "The year I spent on the 2012-2013 San Joaquin Civil Grand Jury was one of the richest and rewarding experiences I have had in my life. As foreperson, I had the fortune of amazingly talented and dedicated

members who worked as a team for great results. We learned, explored, investigated and of course wrote recommendations of significance for the improvement of government in our County.”

“The privilege of serving on the San Joaquin County Grand Jury gave each juror the experience of working intensely with many new friends. We learned a whole lot about this interesting county, and at the same time we were able to make life a little better for many of its people,” said Ward Downs, retired educator and former Grand Jury Foreperson.

A Grand Juror must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen who has resided in San Joaquin County for at least one year, possess sufficient knowledge of the English language, and is not now serving as a trial juror or elected public official. Qualified applicants may be interviewed by a Superior Court Judge. The San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Office will conduct background investigations, which includes a record check from law enforcement agencies.

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