

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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****PRESS RELEASE****

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY CANDIDATES SOUGHT

As Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month comes to a close, the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt asks that the public submit applications for the upcoming 2025/2026 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury term (July 1-June 30). The Humboldt Superior Court empanels 19 citizens to act as an independent body of the judicial system each year. The Court accepts applications from citizens representing a broad cross-section of the Humboldt County community and also encourages citizens to apply and be considered to serve as alternates if and when vacancies occur during the term of service. 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 reports recommending constructive actions to improve the quality and effectiveness of our local government. The civil grand jury does *not* consider criminal indictments.

Eligibility requirements for grand jury service:

- Citizen of the United States;
- > 18 years of age 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.

To fill out an application and for more information about the application process, please visit the Court's website at: https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/general-information/jury-services/civil-grand-jury.

Send your applications to: <u>GrandJuryApps@humboldtcourt.ca.gov</u> or feel free to request an application via email. Please contact Court Administration at (707)269-1204 for any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest in serving your local community!