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Improve Orange County Apply to Serve on the Grand Jury

The 2011/2012 Orange County Grand Jury recruitment drive begins October 1, 2010. The Superior Court of Orange County encourages qualified citizens to apply. Grand Jury service requires a full-time commitment for one year, from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012. Nineteen Orange County residents will be selected to serve.

Hon. Thomas J. Borris, Assistant Presiding Judge and chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection committee, said, "The Grand Jury provides a valuable service for Orange County residents by evaluating, assessing, and reporting on potential problems in the county."

The Grand Jury provides oversight of County government, schools, and special districts. Annual visits include the sheriff's forensics laboratory and jails, John Wayne Airport, Orange County harbors and beaches, and the San Onofre nuclear power generating station. Past Grand Jury investigations have focused on timely issues such as the condition and management of Orange County jails, disaster preparedness, and the health of county finances. Grand Jury reports are available online at www.ocgrandjury.org.

Grand Juror Selection Requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- A United States citizen
- An Orange County resident for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English, and possessed of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment, and fair character

Each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a panel of Superior Court judges, and is subject to a background investigation conducted by the O.C. Sheriff's Department. Grand Jury members are selected by a random draw of applicants nominated by the judges of the Superior Court.

Applications are available online at www.ocgrandjury.org, by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747, or at the Jury Commissioner's Office in the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. A mandatory orientation program for prospective grand jurors will be held Friday, January 21, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room (third floor) at the Central Justice Center. The deadline to apply is January 14, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.