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RECRUITMENT KICKS OFF FOR THE 2023-24 NAPA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

NAPA, CA – Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Napa County Civil Grand Jury. Successful applicants will serve as Grand Jurors for a term that begins in July 2023 and ends June 2024.

The Civil Grand Jury is responsible for investigating and reporting on the operations, accounts, and records of local government officers and agencies. Grand Jurors also have the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government.

"The Napa County Civil Grand Jury represents a critical component of our local government system; we encourage all qualified and interested individuals to consider applying for the upcoming term," said Superior Court Judge Scott R.L. Young. "Serving on the grand jury is both a privilege and a valuable civic duty. Those that participate are rewarded with the knowledge that their contributions make our county a better place to live." Judge Young began overseeing the civil grand jury in 2022.

To be eligible for selection, a person must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and a resident of the County of Napa for at least one year prior to appointment. Other requirements include sufficient knowledge of the English language, possession of natural faculties, be of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment, and good character; not currently serving as a trial juror; not discharged as a grand juror within one year prior to July 1, 2023; and never convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime. Elected public officials are not eligible to serve.

Service as a Grand Juror is compensated at the rate of \$15 for each general meeting attended and any applicable mileage. The Grand Jury typically meets in Napa, when possible, and meets virtually by video as appropriate.

Those interested in applying for, or learning more about, the Napa County Civil Grand Jury can do so by visiting the Grand Jury's webpage at http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/general-info/grand-jury.

Questions about the grand jury may be directed to the Napa Superior Court Executive Office at 707-299-1110.