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RECRUITMENT OPEN FOR THE 2024-25 NAPA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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NAPA, CA – Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Napa County Civil Grand Jury. Successful applicants will serve as Grand Jurors for a term that begins in July 2024 and ends June 2025.

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. 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 the city of Napa, when possible, and meets virtually by video as appropriate.

“The Napa County Civil Grand Jury represents a historic and fundamental component of our local government,” said Presiding Judge Cynthia P. Smith. “Grand jurors perform a vital civic duty and are rewarded with the knowledge that their efforts make this community a better place to live through transparency and accountability.”

“The civil grand jury plays an essential function as a government watchdog,” said the Honorable Scott R.L. Young, who serves as the judicial liaison to the group. “Individuals who serve come away with a unique perspective and the honor of serving.”

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, 2022; and never convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime. Elected public officials are not eligible to serve.

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