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## San Diego County Grand Jury Application Period Extended

The San Diego Superior Court is extending the deadline for receiving applications for the 2013-2014 Grand Jury. The application period originally slated to end on January 11, 2013 will now close on Friday, January 25, 2013.

Grand Jury staff has received more than 100 applications but they would like to increase the number of applicants by at least 40 more County residents. Nineteen men and women sit on the County Grand Jury. "With the busy holiday season, many people who are interested in participating in this important program lose sight of the deadline and may think they have missed the chance to take part. We hope by moving the deadline, we can give these people a chance to put their names into the selection process," says Michael Roddy, Executive Officer of the San Diego Superior Court.

The Grand Jury investigates citizen complaints and performs its traditional function as a "watchdog" over government agencies. It does not conduct criminal investigations.

Applications are now available by telephone at 619-450-7272 or in person at the San Diego Superior Court in the Jury Services Office at the Central (downtown) branch, and the Jury Lounges at the North, South and East branches of the court. You may also download an application from the San Diego Superior Court's website at [www.sdcourts.ca.gov](http://www.sdcourts.ca.gov) or the Grand Jury's website at [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury).

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The Grand Jury works four days a week, approximately six hours a day, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at the Hall of Justice located in downtown San Diego. A small stipend per day, plus mileage, and downtown parking are provided.

All application forms must be received by January 25, 2013. Qualified candidates will be nominated for a random drawing tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2013. The random drawing gives each supervisorial district equal representation by population.

Candidates must (1) be U.S. citizens, (2) be at least 18 years old, (3) have sufficient knowledge of the English language and (4) have lived in the county for one year prior to selection. All candidates will be required to pass a criminal background check. Individuals meeting the above requirements are encouraged to apply.

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