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San Diego County Grand Jury Application Period Extended *Application Deadline Now January 27, 2017*

The San Diego Superior Court is extending the application period for those wanting to serve on the County Grand Jury by two weeks. The extension is the result of a low number of applicants to the watchdog group, especially applicants from the North County. As of Friday, January 13th, the number of people who have applied to have their names in the blind drawing for the organization is 91. The Court traditionally receives more than 100 evenly geographically distributed applications during the normal submission period.

“The grand jurors are selected via a blind draw from each San Diego County Supervisorial Districts. This random drawing gives each District equal representation by population. At this point, the number of applications from the North County are too low to have a good random drawing. We need to draw six names and we currently have seven names. We are especially requesting applicants from District 5 in the North County, says Michael Roddy, Executive Officer of the Superior Court.

The San Diego Grand Jury performs a traditional function as a “watchdog” over government agencies. It does not perform criminal investigations.

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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. One may also download an application from the San Diego Superior Court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov or the Grand Jury's website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury.

The 19-member body will work four days a week, approximately six hours a day, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at 550 West C St., Ste. 860 in downtown San Diego. A small stipend per day, plus mileage, and downtown parking are provided.

All application forms must be received by **January 27, 2017**. Qualified candidates who are nominated will be entered in a random drawing tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2017. 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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