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## **Retired Attorney Will Lead New County Grand Jury**

A San Diego resident has been selected to chair the 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury. 67-year old J. Robert "Bob" O'Connor of Mission Hills and eighteen other Grand Jurors officially began serving the community on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

O'Connor, who retired from the practice of law last year, feels his 40 years of legal experience will be helpful in helping the Grand Jury in its government watchdog role, "Government is for the people, but sometimes the government operates inefficiently and in some cases exceeds its power, which is granted by the people. To insure that government is working for the people, citizens need to assess the activities of local agencies and officials through an oversight procedure."

The California Constitution provides for a group of 19 citizens of the county to be brought together and to dedicate a year of full-time "watchdog" service looking into the workings of local government. "My goal for the Grand Jury is for it to fairly evaluate all complaints that are presented to the Grand Jury for investigation; and where appropriate, to conduct a thorough investigation culminating in the making of recommendations that will benefit local agencies and the public," says O'Connor.

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O'Connor brings a uniquely local perspective to the Grand Jury. He is a native San

Diegan who has lived in ten separate San Diego communities in his lifetime.

The new Grand Jurors were randomly drawn from a total of 84 San Diego County

residents. The names and occupations of the selected 2011/2012 Grand Jurors are listed below:

## 2014/2015 SAN DIEGO COUNTY GRAND JURY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
Andrew, Sharon	3	San Diego	Retired Program Manager
Beeby, Gered	3	Encinitas	Retired Engineer
Bryant, Thomas	2	La Mesa	Retired Educator
Burnett, Rachel	5	Escondido	
Flahan, Mark C.	4	San Diego	Retired Diving Safety Officer
Goad, Geraldine	2	El Cajon	Retired Homemaker/Environmental Health Clerk
Hawkins, George	2	La Mesa	Retired President/CEO Association Management
Jones, Billy H.	4	San Diego	Retired Cable TV Inspector
Kiesling, Robert	2	San Diego	Retired Engineer/Manager
Kruszona, Raymond	3	San Diego	Retired Facilities Manager
LeBlue, Claudette	5	Carlsbad	Retired Human Resources Manager
Mather, Stephen	1	Imperial Beach	Pastor/Minister
McNamara, Robert	4	San Diego	Retired Eligibility Supervisor, County of San Diego
O'Connor, J. Robert	4	San Diego	Retired Attorney at Law
Procter, William	3	Escondido	Retired Business Show Manager/Installation Mgr.
Roesch, Jean	1	Coronado	Retired Education Administrator
Schollian, Clara	1	Chula Vista	Retired Secretary
Serrato, Jose	1	Chula Vista	Retired Customs & Border Protection
Weber, Dewey	5	Carlsbad	Retired Quality Assurance Engineer