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San Diego County Grand Jury Looking For New Applicants

Are you a San Diego County resident looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? The San Diego Superior Court is currently seeking dedicated residents with sound judgment from throughout the County to serve on the 2016/2017 San Diego County Grand Jury. 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 <u>www.sdcourts.ca.gov</u> or the Grand Jury's website at <u>www.sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury</u>.

The 19-member body will work four days a week, approximately six hours a day, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 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 15, 2016**. Qualified candidates will be nominated for a random drawing tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2016. The random drawing gives each supervisorial district equal representation by population.

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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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