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El Cajon Resident Will Lead New County Grand Jury

Melinda J. Richards has been selected to chair the 2015/2016 San Diego County Grand Jury. The Fletcher Hills resident and eighteen other Grand Jurors officially began serving the community on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Richards, a retired Senior Administrative Analyst from the UCSD School of Medicine, most recently worked as a Business Officer for the Clinical and Translational Research Institute and feels her background will help her contribute to the Grand Jury and its mission, "I thought it might be interesting to serve on the jury. I have considerable experience writing funding proposals and formal reports and thought I could contribute those skills to the jury. My hopes for this year are to produce actionable recommendations for improving services in the county."

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.

Richards says, "I anticipate that this year will broaden my knowledge and understanding of the functioning of government agencies in the county. Citizen oversight of public agencies assures "good governance". The grand jury provides this function in San Diego County and I am excited to be a member of the jury."

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The new Grand Jurors, ten women and nine men, were randomly drawn from a total of 190 San Diego County residents. The names and occupations of the selected 2015/2016 Grand Jurors are listed below:

2015/2016 SAN DIEGO COUNTY GRAND JURY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
Alcocer, Raquel	5	Oceanside	U.S. Postal Employee
Avery, Steven	2	Santee	Retired—Information Technology
Brown, Ken	5	Carlsbad	Retired—Research Chemist
Chavira, Thais T.	4	San Diego	Retired—Accounting Support Tax Collector
Cronin, Michael	1	Chula Vista	Retired—U.S. INS
DeJesus, Mario	2	Spring Valley	Business
Fallon, William	1	San Diego	Retired-Business Executive
Gonzalez, D. Cruz	3	San Diego	Retired-Director of Transportation, City of San Diego
Hampton, Irma	4	San Diego	Retired—Retail Sales & Cosmetologist
Hobson, Nicki	5	Vista	Retired—Public Affairs Consultant
Lord, Lynne	2	El Cajon	Retired—Health Care Industry
Modic, Victoria	4	San Diego	Retired—Director of Health Information Services
O'Mahoney, Jim	5	Carlsbad	Retired—Vice-President, Pacific Rim Mechanical
Parker, Fred	3	San Diego	Retired—VP Operations Manager
Preston de Silva, Lixya	2	El Cajon	Retired—County of San Diego Senior Board Asst.
Richards, Melinda	2	El Cajon	Retired—Senior Admin Analyst, UCSD
Robison, Jenifer	3	Escondido	Retired—Policy Analyst
Rutkowski, Bob	1	Bonita	Retired--U.S.N. Hospital Corpsman
Welty, Judith	4	San Diego	Retired—Media Buyer & Marketing Manager