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Recruitment for the 2026/2027 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury

“All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2026/2027 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration,” announced the Honorable Ann Moorman, Presiding Judge of the Civil Grand Jury. The deadline for application submission is **Friday, June 26, 2026**. The 2026/2027 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the beginning of July 2026.

Serving on the Civil Grand Jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government while providing valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the Civil Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city, and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The Civil Grand Jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

To attract more residents from the geographically distant regions of Mendocino County, the Civil Grand Jury is making it easier for interested members of the public to participate. For example, the Civil Grand Jury has implemented remote meeting protocols using software platforms such as Microsoft Teams to maximize participation while reducing the demand for car travel.

Grand Jurors are compensated \$25 per full panel meeting, \$10 per committee meeting and attendance at public meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at the current County of Mendocino rate. There is free parking at the Grand Jury office. Each applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge before becoming eligible for selection.

Mandatory training for Grand Jurors will be scheduled for late July or early August 2026.

To serve as a Civil Grand Juror, the following requirements must be met:

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of Mendocino County for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English.
- Not currently serving on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Not presently holding a public office
- Not personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office
- Computer skills are highly desirable

Applications and information can be accessed at: www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/grand-jury The application may also be obtained at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Rm. 303, Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at (707) 463-4320.

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