

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **JUST EIGHT DAYS LEFT TO APPLY APPLY NOW TO SERVE AS A GOVERNMENT "WATCHDOG"**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The San Francisco Superior Court needs San Francisco residents to participate in this important opportunity to improve San Francisco government.

Civil Grand Jury service presents an exciting opportunity to contribute to the well being of San Francisco. Members investigate city departments, agencies, and officials with an eye toward increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of government. The Jury selects its own topics for investigation. Service is flexible: It is up to the Grand Jury to determine how it will complete its investigations and how to accommodate the schedules of individual jurors. Jury members are free to conduct meetings via the web and conference call.

**The application deadline is May 31, 2017.** In order to serve, volunteers must be U.S. citizens; at least 18 years of age; have lived in San Francisco for at least the past 12 months; have no felony convictions; and be able to effectively communicate in English. For more information and to obtain an application visit: <http://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/>.

The Civil Grand Jury's term runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. After initial screening, eligible applicants will be interviewed by Superior Court Judges who then recommend a pool 30 jurors. From that pool, 19 members selected randomly to serve and the remaining 11 serve as alternates.

Interested volunteers should be able to commit time consistently throughout the 1-year term. The Civil Grand Jury usually meets once per week, with additional meetings and interviews scheduled as necessary. Members receive a \$15 per diem for each meeting attended during the term.

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