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JUDGE MARK BOESSENECKER ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF 2015-2016 NAPA COUNTY GRAND JURY

Superior Court Judge Mark Boessenecker announced today the Napa Superior Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2015-2016 Napa County Grand Jury. The Court is responsible for selecting 19 Napa County citizens to the grand jury each year. The term of office is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

Judge Boessenecker said, "The grand jury is a historic institution and serves an important role in our society. It is sometimes referred to as the "watchdog" of the community. It functions as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Napa Superior Court."

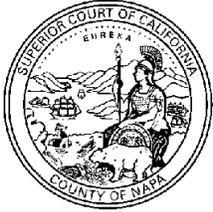
The grand jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of local government officers and agencies. Grand jurors also have the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government.

"This is a fascinating and unique opportunity for citizens to learn about the workings of the institutions and people who govern our local affairs. By performing an important government service, the experience rewards grand jurors with the knowledge that they have made their community a better place to live and have enhanced the freedoms we enjoy in this country," said Judge Boessenecker.

Grand jurors must meet certain legal qualifications. They must be at least 18 years old; be a citizen of the United States; be a resident of Napa County for one year prior to July 1, 2015; be in possession of natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and of fair character; possess sufficient knowledge of the English language; not currently serving as a trial juror; not discharged as a grand juror within one year prior to July 1, 2015; never convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime; and not currently serving as an elected public officer.

Although this is primarily a civic responsibility, grand jurors are paid \$15 and are given a mileage reimbursement for each general meeting they attend. The Court and county also provide other support services.

Citizens interested in serving as a grand juror are invited to attend informational meetings that will be conducted by the Napa County chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association. The informational meetings are an opportunity for citizens to learn about the grand jury and what



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would be required of them if selected as a grand juror. The informational meetings will be held Monday, April 27, 2015, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., and Tuesday, April 28, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Both programs will be held in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse in Napa. Those attending should enter the courthouse at 810 Coombs Street. No reservations are necessary.

Anyone interested in contributing to the community in this way should contact the Court Executive Officer, Richard D. Feldstein, at 825 Brown Street in Napa, or call him at (707) 299-1110. Applications can also be found on the Court's website at www.napa.courts.ca.gov.