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## **Public Watchdog Panel Seeks Applicants**

The Ventura County Grand Jury is now accepting applications for new jurors to service from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016. Applications will be available at the jury's open house on Wednesday, March 18 from 3 – 6 p.m. at 646 County Square Drive, Ventura (across Victoria Avenue from the government center). This is an excellent chance to learn what grand jury service consists of, view the chambers where jurors work, meet current jurors and enjoy refreshments.

The grand jury is an all-volunteer “watchdog” group that investigates complaints from the public, researches and writes reports, and makes recommendations about all aspects of local and county government—for example, city councils, school districts, jails, hospitals, and water districts. This is a civil panel that does not pursue criminal cases or give evidence in court.

To qualify for service, you must be a citizen 18 years of age or older, reside in Ventura County for at least a year before serving, have ordinary intelligence and good character and know sufficient English. Basic computer skills are highly desirable. Residents from all cultural groups and all parts of the county are encouraged to apply

Visit [www.ventura.org/grand-jury](http://www.ventura.org/grand-jury) for more information. Applications may be filled out online for printing and mailing or **requested by calling (805) 477-1600. They will be accepted until April 15.**

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