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There's Still Time to Apply to Civil Grand Jury

The Ventura County Civil Grand Jury is still accepting applications for new jurors to serve from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016. Applications must be received by April 15 or earlier.

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

Jurors meet three to five days a week, usually in the mornings and early afternoons, for several hours each day—on average, 15 to 30 hours a week—so service is not compatible with a full-time job. Vacations and time off for important family events or medical visits may be taken at any time. Grand jurors receive a stipend of \$25 per day worked and are reimbursed for use of personal cars at the IRS rate, currently about 57 cents per mile.

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To qualify you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older, reside in Ventura County for at least a year immediately before serving, be of good character and know sufficient English to contribute to the group's written reports. Basic computer skills are highly preferred. Residents from all cultural groups and all parts of the county are encouraged to apply.

For full information about serving and to view previous years' reports, please visit www.ventura.org/grand-jury. Applications may be completed at that site but cannot be submitted online; they will need to be printed and mailed or delivered in person to the Hall of Justice Jury Services Room, #113, at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009. For live answers to questions about applying or to receive an application by mail, call (805) 477-1600.

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