

OTHER GRAND JURY ACTIVITIES

COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Complaint Review Committee receives, logs in and reviews each citizen complaint submitted. The committee then determines the appropriate action and processes the complaint.

Upon receipt of a valid complaint an acknowledgement letter is sent to the complainant. To be considered valid a complaint must be in written form, signed, dated and include a return address.

Once reviewed and determined to be within the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury, the complaint may be forwarded to the appropriate external committee for investigation, referred to the District Attorney's Office if indicated, or considered as information only. The Grand Jury is not required by law to accept or act on any complaint. All complaints received remain completely confidential.

The 2001-2002 Grand Jury received thirty-six complaints

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dolores Anderson	Duane Christensen
Ron Andrews	Henry Knowles
Susan Baker, Secretary	Hector Nava, Sr., Chairman Pro Tem
Ron Baldwinson	Norbert Rehaut
Margy Barrington	Vern Savola
Tom Black, Chairman	

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Community Relations Committee is responsible for increasing public awareness of Grand Jury responsibilities and operations and to solicit volunteers to serve on next year's Grand Jury.

To accomplish this the Community Relations Committee conducts the following activities:

- Sponsored an open house in the Grand Jury chambers early in the year
- Provided Grand Jury speakers for civic, social, fraternal, and religious organizations
 - Created a 14 page overhead slide presentation and trained our members to give a 20 minute talk. Sent out 136 letters advertising our show and made our pitch to 28 organizations in Ventura County.
 - Updated and had printed 1000 copies of a brochure we passed out to organizations and groups we spoke to in Ventura County.
- Updated our records of e-mail, fax and mailing addresses in order to provide interviews to news media (Print, Radio and TV) on Grand Jury responsibilities and operations.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norbert Rehaut, Chair

Dolores Anderson

Henry Norton, Co-Chair

Tom Black

Eleanor Guzik, Recording Secretary

William Boyett

Ronald Baldwinson

EDITORIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Editorial Review committee is responsible to edit all Grand Jury reports and to produce the Final Grand Jury Report and shepherd it through the publication process.

The details of the Final Report are many and varied, including print style, format, colors, and graphics as well as content. Many hours are spent gathering the specific information needed for the Final Report and bringing that information before the Committee for consideration and approval. The Editorial Review Committee is kept busy up to and right through the day of publication of the Final Grand Jury Report.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vern Savola, Chair

Dolores Anderson, Pro-tem

Joanne Ray, Recording Secretary

Duane Christensen

Katharine Corbin

GRAND JURY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Major Responsibilities:

- Track Responses to prior year's Final Report
Tracking chart in report used for mandatory response follow-up
Data Base
- Track Changes in Law - County Counsel Website
- Update Grand Jury Manual and Form Letters
- Plan and Conduct Training
Immediate Critique
Early Training of Panel in Investigations & Indictments

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Goodwin, Chair

William Boyett, Co-Chair

Joanne Ray, Recording Secretary

Eleanor Guzik

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Maintain coffee, food and paper supplies.
- Collect coffee dues.
- Provide snacks periodically, usually on general meeting days.
- Provide one birthday cake each month for birthdays.
- Birthday, Get Well and other appropriate greeting cards to fellow jurors.
- Organize pot lucks, holiday parties and coordinate July 1st luncheon for new Grand Jury.
- Make arrangements for the taking and framing of Grand Jury picture.
- Work with the Community Relations Committee in organizing Open House.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Farlane Garcia, Chair

Margy Barrington, Co-Chair

Tom Black

Katharine Corbin

Norbert Rehaut

INDICTMENT & INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

One of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury's responsibilities involved responding to the District Attorney's request to hear indictments or to conduct investigative hearings, which can lead to indictments. The amount of time spent hearing indictments and investigations varies from one Grand Jury to another and can vary significantly from one year to another.

The following brief summary details the indictment and investigative hearing activity of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury.

Number of indictments	4
Number of investigations	1
Number of days allocated to above hearings	21