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**Improve Orange County
Apply to Serve on the Grand Jury**

In recognition of Grand Jury Awareness Month – November 2009 – The Orange County Board of Supervisors presented the Superior Court with a resolution today highlighting the importance of serving on the Orange County Grand Jury.

The Court encourages qualified citizens to apply for the 2010-2011 Orange County Grand Jury. Applications will be accepted until January 8, 2010. Nineteen Orange County residents will be selected to serve as grand jurors. Service as a grand juror requires a full-time commitment for one year, from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

The work of the Grand Jury has a significant impact on the lives of Orange County residents. Grand jurors review and evaluate the work of government agencies, schools, and special districts within the County of Orange. Past reports have focused on timely issues such as the condition and management of Orange County jails, planning for statewide water shortages, and the health of the County's finances.

Grand jurors attend tours and briefings to increase their knowledge of the workings of various county agencies and to help them evaluate and assess potential problems in our county. Annual visits include the sheriff's forensics laboratory and jails, John Wayne Airport, Orange County harbors and beaches, and the San Onofre Nuclear Power Generating Station.

A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States citizen, and a resident of Orange County for a least one year. Before being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a panel of Superior Court judges. Background investigations are conducted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Download an application from the Internet at www.ocgrandjury.org, or call the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747, applications are also available at the Jury Commissioner's Office located in the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West in Santa Ana.

A mandatory orientation program for prospective grand jurors will be held January 19, 2010 at 5:00 PM in Department C-1 at the Central Justice Center Drive West, 700 Civic Center Drive West in Santa Ana.

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