

**Proclaim February as Civil Grand Jury Month in Los Angeles County**

Grand juries have existed since the adoption of California’s original Constitution in 1849-1850, allowing ordinary citizens across California’s 58 counties to take an oath and voluntarily serve a one-year term as a civil grand juror charged with examining and reporting governmental operations to ensure responsibilities are fulfilled legally, efficiently, and in the best public interest. The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, due to the large scale of the County, is comprised of 23 jurors and 20 alternate jurors, making it the largest Civil Grand Jury in California.

Operating under the auspices of the Superior Court of California, the Civil Grand Jury serves as a watchdog with broad access to public officials, employees, records, and information. As an independent body of community members, the Civil Grand Jury is well suited to effectively investigate governmental bodies because it operates separately from the entities and officials they investigate. Its most important function is to review the operations of officers, departments, and agencies within local government. Through fact-finding, the Civil Grand Jury produces reports with recommendations to address issues and enhance government efficiency and responsiveness.

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By proclaiming February as Civil Grand Jury Month, Los Angeles County honors the invaluable contributions of past and present grand jurors while reinforcing the importance of civic engagement and participation. The hard work done by civil grand juries greatly affects our communities and makes California a better place to live. This proclamation also highlights the rewards and fulfillment of working with residents and community members to strengthen local governance in Los Angeles County.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim February as Civil Grand Jury Month in Los Angeles County.

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