



Superior Court of California County of San Francisco

JOHN K. STEWART
PRESIDING JUDGE

January 21, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam:

As the Presiding Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court, I am writing to respectfully ask for your help in seeking applicants for a 1-year term of service on the 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury. San Franciscans who want to make a difference in the City are urged to apply by the application deadline of May 22, 2015. I would greatly appreciate any outreach you could undertake to publicize this unique opportunity to participate in the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury.

To help us recruit qualified applicants, we urge you to post the enclosed flyers and include the announcement on page 2 of this letter as frequently as possible in your newsletters and e-updates.

The Civil Grand Jury provides a "watchdog" function and has broad latitude to examine City departments, agencies and officials. The Civil Grand Jury is independent and selects its own topics for investigation. The Civil Grand Jury issues a report detailing findings and recommendations. Each department or official is required to formally respond to each recommendation contained in the reports. The reports are then presented in public hearings before the Board of Supervisors.

A mix of backgrounds, skills and interests combine for the most effective grand Juries. Volunteers who enjoy researching, learning about City government, writing, editing, analyzing data, or meeting people committed to making San Francisco a better place to live and work are strongly encouraged to apply.

On behalf of the San Francisco Superior Court, I thank you for any help you can provide to recruit applicants for the Civil Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. K. Stewart".

Hon. John K. Stewart
Presiding Judge

Enclosure

**See page 2 for newsletter and e-update content.

GOVERNMENT WATCHDOGS WANTED

The Civil Grand Jury, which serves an independent “watchdog” of the City and County of San Francisco, is seeking a diverse group of San Franciscans to serve a 1-year term from July 2, 2015 – June 30, 2016. If you are passionate about effective and efficient government, eager to identify weaknesses and make recommendations for improvements, and you are able to devote 5-20 hours per week, please apply for San Francisco Civil Grand Jury service. In order to serve, volunteers must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years of age; have lived in San Francisco for at least the past 12 months; have no felony convictions; and be able to communicate in English. For more information and to apply, visit <http://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org>.