



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Selection Process – 2026-2027 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury

Modesto, California – January 2026 – Applications are now being accepted for the FY 2026-2027 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury. Citizens interested in serving on the Civil Grand Jury are encouraged to contact the Grand Jury Office at (209) 525-4252 to request an application by mail, or they may visit the Stanislaus County Superior Court website at <https://www.stanislaus.courts.ca.gov/divisions/grand-jury/selectionapplication-process> to download an application form.

A panel appointed by Presiding Judge Sonny S. Sandhu will interview all applicants who qualify to serve on the grand jury. From those interviewed, Judge Sandhu will select 30 finalists from which the 19-member Civil Grand Jury panel and six alternates will be selected by random drawing.

Civil Grand Jurors must meet the same qualifications as trial jurors. Their term of office is one year (July 1 to June 30). Civil Grand Jurors must be available approximately 20 hours per month. In addition, they must be able to participate in meetings and proceedings remotely via telephone and/or video appearance (a smart phone and internet access are required).

The primary function of the Civil Grand Jury is to act as the public "watchdog" by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local governmental agencies, including County and City government, special districts, and school districts. Please visit the Court's website at <https://www.stanislaus.courts.ca.gov/divisions/grand-jury> for more information on the Civil Grand Jury.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2026.

Contact: Cristal Castro at (209) 525-4252 or by email at cgj@stanct.org

###