



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MERCED

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Apply Now to Serve on the 2018-2019 Merced County Civil Grand Jury**

Merced, California – The Merced Superior Court encourages Merced County residents from the various cities that comprise the county to apply to serve on the next Grand Jury. A new 19-member Grand Jury will be empaneled for a one year term that begins July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019.

The primary function of the grand jury is to act as an ombudsman by investigating and issuing reports about local government agencies that include county and city government, jails, special districts, and school districts. The grand jury writes a final report that includes its findings and recommendations.

The qualifications to serve are as follows: 1) Must be at least 18 years old, 2) US Citizen, 3) resident of Merced County for at least one year, 4) Sufficient knowledge of English, 5) In possession of sound judgment, good character, and a sense of fairness.

All qualified applicants will be interviewed by Merced Superior Court Judge Paul Lo and Superior Court Executive Officer Linda Romero Soles. Selection of the 19-member Grand Jury and four alternates is achieved by a random drawing of the top 25 to 30 candidates. Grand jurors must be available at least 20 hours per month.

Any qualified residents interested in serving on the Civil Grand Jury may contact the court by calling the Executive Assistant's at 725-4172 or go on line at [www.mercedcourt.org](http://www.mercedcourt.org) to download the application. The application is also available on the Merced county website at [www.co.merced.ca.us](http://www.co.merced.ca.us). The deadline to apply is Friday, May 4, 2018.