



Superior Court of California County of Orange *News Release*

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2016/2017 Orange County Grand Jury Selected

Santa Ana, CA – Nineteen Orange County residents were selected to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury for the term that begins July 1. Hon. Charles Margines, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County, presided over the May 18 court hearing with Alan Carlson, Chief Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner, randomly pulling cards printed with candidate names from the grand jury box, as required by statute. The new Grand Jury panel is comprised of 13 men and 6 women who range in age from 54 to 78 years old.

More than 140 Orange County residents applied to serve. The 26 judges of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee reviewed applications and selected top candidates who were then interviewed by teams of two judges from the committee. Superior Court judges approved the final slate of candidates by a majority vote.

The California Penal Code requires that the Grand Jury be selected by a random drawing of no less than 25 and no more than 30 individuals, who proportionally represent the five supervisorial districts of the County. The first 19 names drawn constitute the Grand Jury, with the remaining individuals selected as alternates in the order drawn. Alternates may be called upon to serve in the event that any acting members cannot complete the one-year term. The grand jurors and alternates will attend a mandatory four-day training program in June.

The 19 members of the newly selected Grand Jury will take the oath of office on July 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Department C1 of the Superior Court of Orange County. The names of the Grand Jury members and alternates are listed on the following page, in the order of their selection.

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2016/2017 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

1. Robert Kuehn
2. John Smead
3. Kathleen Pesqueira
4. Carrie Carmody
5. John Lynes
6. Richard Johnston
7. Karen Rapien
8. Michael Lenz
9. Alan Weston
10. Dorothy Metcalfe
11. Stephen Balloch
12. Peter Riley
13. Michael Fipps
14. John Rafter
15. Wellington Bennett
16. Alexander Bardia
17. Megan Hertzberg
18. Amy Rego
19. Robert Pease II

ALTERNATES

1. Patricia Malott
2. Douglas Gillen
3. Susan Knight
4. Dale Soeffner
5. Svetlana Ramsay
6. Earl Pagal
7. Terri Parker
8. John Callos

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