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Installation Ceremony of New Civil Grand Jury – Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Superior Court Presiding Judge Pauline Maxwell will oversee the installation ceremony of the new 2024-2025 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury at noon on July 1, 2024, in Dept. 2 of the downtown courthouse. The ceremonies will include the discharge of the outgoing 2023-2024 Grand Jury who released several reports during their term of office. **The public and media are invited to attend.**

The Civil Grand Jury is a unique institution whose primary purpose is to act as a "watchdog" of local government and make recommendations for improvements. The Civil Grand Jury is comprised of 19 citizen volunteers who serve for a one-year period. Three jurors from the current Grand Jury will be "held over" for a second year of service under a special provision of law in order to provide continuity and "institutional memory" for the new Grand Jury members.

In pre-installation proceedings Judge Maxwell commented, *"I am grateful for the fine work of these hard-working volunteers who have dedicated a year of service to our community. Their work is important and meaningful."*

Copies of the grand jury's reports can be found at www.sbcgj.org.

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