

Foreperson's Comments

As this Grand Jury term ends, I would like to express my profound gratitude to each juror who served. It was my honor and a pleasure to serve as the foreperson. The 2025-2025 Civil Grand Jury was a very committed group of citizens, and this jury overcame many obstacles, in the end getting the job done was number one for all 15 of the Civil Grand Jury members. Thank you all for your time and service.

The role of the Civil Grand Jury is to serve as a watchdog, working to ensure that our local government serves the citizens' interests efficiently, effectively, and accountably.

The Jury is undertaken by up to 19 citizens representing many viewpoints, backgrounds, and experiences, from all locations across Siskiyou County. The Jury investigates complaints when appropriate, undertakes inspections of county correctional facilities, and examines at least one county agency each term. Not all Jury actions result in reports, not all complaints fall under the jury purview.

As a jury member you can expect up to 10 hours a month, unless you are on a committee, then you may be asked to spend more time. You will learn about the law, the government and the way the county serves you as a citizen.

While the Civil Grand Jury has broad authority to collect, evaluate and report on the local government that has been created to serve the public's needs, the Grand Jury's authority ends when the reports are written and distributed. The Grand Jury has little or no power to implement changes. The power of change rests with the citizens of Siskiyou County. Please take the time to read this year's report and learn about the challenges cities in Siskiyou County are facing.

More information on how to become a Civil Grand Juror can be located on the Siskiyou County website (www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/cgj). You may also contact the Court as noted below. Serving on the Jury is both rewarding and critically important for the health and future of Siskiyou County.

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