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NEWS RELEASE

The Superior Court, County of San Mateo announced today that applications for service on the 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury will be accepted for consideration beginning January 30, 2014 and continuing until March 28, 2014. The next Grand Jury term commences July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.

The Civil Grand Jury performs a vital independent citizen watchdog function over County and city governments. It chooses its own investigation subjects and publishes reports that highlight findings and make recommendations for improvement. Notably, over 600 recommendations made as a result of Civil Grand Jury investigation reports from 2010 - 2012 have been or were committed to be implemented.

Any resident of San Mateo County for more than one year who is a citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older, of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment and good character, with sufficient knowledge of the English language is qualified to serve. The Grand Jury Judge will interview qualified applicants, with the final selection determined by random draw. Elected public officials are not eligible.

The Court strives to obtain a cross section of the County population to serve and encourages all interested individuals to apply. For more information and to download an application form, see

http://www.sanmateocourt.org/court_divisions/grand_jury email grandjury@sanmateocourt.org or call 650-261-5066. Additionally, for 2014, the San Mateo County Association of Grand Jurors is hosting a series of six public information sessions around the County. Recent former Grand Jurors will explain the grand jury process, time commitments, benefits of service, answer questions for potential applicants, and connect interested citizens who want even more information with its network of volunteers. The schedule and locations are as follows:

> Tuesday, 2/11/2014, 4:30-5:30pm Serramonte Main Library Community Room 40 Wembley Drive, Daly City

Thursday, 2/13/2014, 4:30-5:30pm Redwood Shores Branch Library - Room A 399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City

Tuesday, 2/18/2014, 4:30-5:30pm Foster City Community Center - Port Room 1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City

Thursday, 2/20/2014, 4:30-5:30pm City Council Chambers 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto

Tuesday, 2/25/2014, 4:30-5:30pm San Mateo County Health Dept. - Suite 100A 225 S. Cabrillo Hwy (Rt.1), Half Moon Bay

Thursday 2/27/2014, 4:30-5:30pm Veterans Memorial Recreation Center - Rm 1 Crystal Springs Ave. at Oak Ave. 251 City Park Way, San Bruno