



San Joaquin County Chapter

Press Release

Board of Supervisor's Proclaim February 2016 as Grand Jury Appreciation Month

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 2016 as Grand Jury Appreciation Month at their February 9th, 2016 meeting. Chairman Moses Zapien presented the proclamation to Howard Seligman, the 2015-2016 Grand Jury Foreperson, and Gary Spaugh, President of the San Joaquin County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association. The proclamation reads:

Whereas, Grand Juries are crucial components of California's justice system; and

Whereas, like other California counties, San Joaquin has a Grand Jury composed of individuals who dedicate their time for a full year to serve in the Grand Jury system; and

Whereas, the primary duties of the San Joaquin County Grand Jury is to investigate and report on local governmental operations to assure that the responsibilities are being fulfilled efficiently, honestly and in the best interest of the public; and

Whereas, the California Grand Jurors' Association and local chapters strengthen juries statewide by providing training, tools and techniques to assure that each jury operates under the same standards of efficiency and integrity to which they hold local government; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to provide a designated opportunity to recognize the efforts of those who have volunteered, and are volunteering, their time and service to advance the work of the San Joaquin County Grand Jury; and

Whereas, the reward of being a grand juror is the satisfaction received working with fellow residents of the county to improve local government for all.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of February 2016, as "Grand Jury Appreciation Month"

Following the presentation by the Board of Supervisors, Howard Seligman, Gary Spaugh and the Honorable Jose Alva, Presiding Judge of the Grand Jury all spoke to the value of the Grand Jury to the community and the future need for promoting diversity in the candidates applying and being appointed to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury.

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