

**2019 Nominations List for Best Grand Jury Report (\* winning reports)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Grand Jury Report</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>
Alameda*	June 2018 Oakland's \$860 Million Crisis: Unfunded Retiree Healthcare	The grand jury expressed concern that, without radical changes, the city will never be able to pay for what it has promised. This dilemma is already starting to crowd out essential government services. Elected officials are leading the city toward service insolvency.  <i><a href="http://grandjury.acgov.org/grandjury-assets/docs/2017-2018/GJ-FinalReport-2017-2018.pdf">http://grandjury.acgov.org/grandjury-assets/docs/2017-2018/GJ-FinalReport-2017-2018.pdf</a></i>
El Dorado	June 2018 El Dorado Irrigation District California Public Records Act Compliance	The grand jury found that the director of the irrigation district did not comply with the board's policy with regard to public records. He inappropriately followed his own interpretation of the proper application of a Supreme Court's decision rather than the official interpretation by the district's board of directors.  <i><a href="https://www.edcgov.us/Government/GrandJury/Documents/2017-2018%20Reports/Corrected%20El%20Dorado%20Irrigation%20District%20California%20Public%20Records%20Act%20Compliance.pdf">https://www.edcgov.us/Government/GrandJury/Documents/2017-2018%20Reports/Corrected%20El%20Dorado%20Irrigation%20District%20California%20Public%20Records%20Act%20Compliance.pdf</a></i>
Santa Clara	June 2018 Alum Rock School District Board: Time To Put 'Trust' Back In Trustee	The grand jury found the school board, controlled by a three-trustee bloc, failed to meet its governance standards and its fiduciary responsibility. The district did not consistently use best practices in awarding contracts.  <i><a href="http://scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2018/Alum%20Rock%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf">http://scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2018/Alum%20Rock%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf</a></i>
Shasta*	April 2016 The Quarter Million Dollar Typo: Words Matter	A typographical error in a 2008 resolution by the board of supervisors led to the inappropriate awarding of longevity stipends to elected department heads at a cost to Shasta County taxpayers of more than \$260,000 from 2009 through 2023.  <i><a href="https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0">https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0</a></i>
San Luis Obispo	June 2017 Incarceration in San Luis Obispo County: Inmate Health and Safety at the County Jail	Concerns about recent deaths led to the recommendation that the sheriff and the county health agency conduct a joint review of the adequacy and appropriateness of management structure, policies and procedures and how those relate to inmate safety and health. The jury found that there is inadequate physical space to conduct programming for male inmates. There is no single official at the county-jail level that has true oversight and responsibility over all aspects of an inmate's well-being.  <i><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10DcnlCrCm_4rToVYL6QDCfAo40_ExjLV">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10DcnlCrCm_4rToVYL6QDCfAo40_ExjLV</a></i>

**2019 Nominations List for Best Media Coverage (\* winning nominee)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Nomination</b>
Santa Clara	<b><i>Mercury News</i></b> (San Jose) for its article on <b><i>Police and the Mentally Ill: Improving Outcomes</i></b> May 2018

	<p><a href="http://scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2018/Police_and_Mentally_Ill_Improving_Outcomes050818.pdf">http://scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2018/Police_and_Mentally_Ill_Improving_Outcomes050818.pdf</a></p> <p>The <i>Mercury News</i> article put the spotlight on this issue. It mobilized a number of law enforcement agencies to put more emphasis on training their officers. In addition, the county has increased the number of "in the field" health professionals to support law enforcement during encounters with the mentally ill while in a crisis.</p>
Shasta*	<p><b>Record Searchlight</b> (Redding) for its coverage of <b><i>The Quarter Million Dollar Typo: Words Matter</i></b> April 2016</p> <p><a href="https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0">https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/grand-jury-docs/full-reports/2015-2016-full-report-and-responses.pdf?sfvrsn=cd78f889_0</a></p> <p>The <i>Record Searchlight</i> provided timely and supportive articles along with editorial comment and letters to the editor, all of which agreed with the findings and recommendations of the grand jury. Public awareness of the issues raised by the report was greatly enhanced by this extensive coverage.</p>
Tuolumne	<p><b>Alex MacLean</b>, reporter for <b><i>The Union Democrat</i></b>, for multiple articles on <b><i>Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority</i></b> June 2018</p> <p><a href="https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10852/GRAND_JURY_FINAL_REPORT-2017-2018">https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10852/GRAND_JURY_FINAL_REPORT-2017-2018</a> (page 151)</p> <p>MacLean covered this report with at least 26 articles through May 2019 from the report's release through many meetings that eventually led the dissolution of the TCEDA. MacLean's articles were objective and thorough. He captured and reported on the substantial debate on the issues.</p>