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**CGJA**

## **Best Grand Jury Report Award** *California Grand Jurors' Association*

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

- Significance of the issue, topic rationale.
- Clear description of the investigation.
- Findings follow from facts, recommendations based on the findings.
- Clarity of language, objectivity and fairness.
- Identified problems accompanied by suggested means for resolution.
- Impact on the citizenry.
- Difficulty of the investigation.
- Media coverage.
- Agency acknowledgement.
- Changes resulting from the report.

### **WHAT YOU WILL NEED** to submit a best report nomination online:

- A. County.
- B. Date and title of the specific report being nominated.
- C. Chapter, Association, or CGJA member (if no CGJA Chapter/Association) submitting the nomination.
- D. Contact name (if different from above).
- E. Contact mailing address.
- F. Contact telephone number.
- G. Contact e-mail address.
- H. Electronic copies of supporting documentation for the following (links are not sufficient as material is often not downloadable):
  1. Nominated grand jury report.
  2. Official response(s) to the report by county agencies or individuals, as required by the investigation.
  3. Media coverage and any other related documentation.
- I. Rationale: A brief explanation of why this nominee merits the award.

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