

## **Karen Deeming**

I have been a member of CGJA for five years. I was first introduced to CGJA during my membership on the Merced County Grand Jury. I served from 2018-2020, the second year as the foreperson. During my tenure, I chaired several committees and was involved in many aspects of the process. This experience illuminated the importance of the California grand jury system and its dedication to providing oversight and recommendations for improvement to our local governments. After serving at the local level, I began training for CGJA and recently joined the Training Committee, Training subcommittee and the Program Administration subcommittee where I contribute to the growth, strength, and continued progress of the organization.

Being part of the training program has increased my commitment to CGJA and the important work that we do preparing jurors for their role as unbiased watchdogs of local government. I am interested in serving as a member of the Board for CGJA and to further our mission "To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education and outreach." One area of the mission statement that I gravitate to is the outreach as I am already heavily involved in the training and education portion. As a professor of Anthropology and Sociology, I am dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion and feel this aspect of outreach is where I can make a beneficial contribution to CGJA. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and I look forward to contributing to CGJA wherever I can best serve the organization.

## **Richard Rogers**

I have been an active volunteer with CGJA for the past two years, after having spent two years on the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury. During my tenure on the Grand Jury, I served as Foreperson pro tem, committee chair on several investigative committees, including the Editorial Committee, and as the IT coordinator. In addition to being an active contributor to the 21 reports published during the two years I served, I also worked on the redesign of the Grand Jury's website.

I initially volunteered for grand jury service because I wanted to give back to and make a positive impact on the community where I live. I found the experience very rewarding and believe I was able to accomplish those goals. When asked to join CGJA I saw an opportunity to expand my ability to serve and help each of the counties within California improve the governmental services provided to their residents. Since joining CGJA I have been primarily involved in the training area, including serving on the Training Committee, the Curriculum Sub-Committee and as the chair of the Finance Committee.

My career was eclectic and included working as an audit manager in the small business division of the largest of the Big 8 accounting firms, top management positions in professional sports franchises, television and cable enterprises, and a national not-for-profit sports enterprise. I have also served on or held the role of board president on several boards.

I look forward to expanding my role with CGJA and to help continue and improve the delivery of training and valuable resources to the counties within California. Thank you for your consideration.