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## **Deadline for Civil Grand Jury Applications Extended to April 24**

The Ventura County Superior Court has just extended the deadline for applications to the county's civil grand jury to Friday, April 24. New jurors to will serve from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016.

The civil grand jury is an all-volunteer "public watchdog" group that investigates complaints from the public, researches and writes reports and makes recommendations about all aspects of local and county government—for example, city councils, school districts, libraries, jails, hospitals, harbors and water districts. The civil grand jury does not pursue criminal cases or give evidence in court.

Jurors meet three to five days a week, usually in the mornings and early afternoons, for several hours each day—on average, 15 to 30 hours a week—so service is not compatible with a full-time job. Vacations and time off for important family events or medical visits may be taken at any time. Grand jurors receive a stipend of \$25 per day worked and are reimbursed for use of personal cars at the IRS rate, currently about 57 cents per mile.

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To qualify you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older, reside in Ventura County for at least a year immediately before serving, have ordinary intelligence and good character and know sufficient English to contribute to the group's written reports. Basic computer skills are highly preferred. Residents from all cultural groups and all parts of the county are encouraged to apply.

For full information about serving and to view previous years' reports, please visit [www.ventura.org/grand-jury](http://www.ventura.org/grand-jury). Applications may be completed at that site but cannot be submitted online; they will need to be printed, completed and received by April 24, by mail or in-person delivery, to the Hall of Justice Jury Services Room #113, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009. For live answers to questions about applying, call (805) 477-1600.

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