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Superior Court of Santa Cruz County Celebrates Juror Appreciation Week May 11-15

Jerry B. Vinluan, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Santa Cruz County

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 11–15, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our community. Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality.”

Each year, the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County and the Judicial Council of California team up to recognize the millions of Californians who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of trial by jury.

Our democracy and our court depend on having community members serve as jurors in our criminal and civil trials. Serving on a jury requires community members to sacrifice their time and effort, but jurors often discover that serving on a jury is incredibly interesting and rewarding. In many cases, the most direct involvement they will have in participating with our democracy.

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County has recently updated its jury system so that after you receive a jury summons, you can go onto the court’s website to find out whether you are being called in for service. You can also check by telephone as in the past. The court continually strives to make jury service a smooth and easy process.

The importance of a representative jury drawn from the entire community cannot be overstated. It is critical that juries are comprised of people from all areas of Santa Cruz County, regardless of age, gender, gender identity, disability, race, and ethnicity, religion, and socio-economic status.

On behalf of all the judges of the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County, I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has served on a jury, and to all of whom will do their civic duty by reporting for jury duty in the future. We cannot do this work without you. Your service is appreciated and valued. - Presiding Judge Jerry B. Vinluan.

For more information on jury service, visit the [Jury Service section](#) of the California Courts website (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/jury-service.htm?genpubtab>) or the Jury Division section of the Santa Cruz Superior Court website (<https://www.santacruz.courts.ca.gov/divisions/jury-division>).

