



## **SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY NEWS RELEASE**

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California law requires all 58 counties to yearly empanel a grand jury to assess the functioning of government entities within each county. The Sacramento County Grand Jury undertakes each year to provide an unbiased, objective inquiry into various functions of government within the county.

In so doing, the Sacramento County Grand Jury strictly adheres to the requirement that all factual contents of published reports be verified by credible sources. This is to ensure that the citizens of Sacramento County can have confidence in the substance of the Grand Jury's work.

The recent Grand Jury's Reports can be found on the Grand Jury website at [www.sacgrandjury.org](http://www.sacgrandjury.org). The Grand Jury term runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. At the end of its term, the 2024-2025 Grand Jury released five reports including:

- *"No Equal Justice for Elder Financial Abuse"*
- *"Adding Insult to Injury: The Systematic Failure of the Sacramento County Batter's Treatment Program."*
- *"Are Sacramento County Schools Leaving Millions of Dollars for Arts Education on the Table?"*
- *"On the Brink of Bankruptcy: Isleton's Failure to Govern"*

Once reports are released, the various governmental entities involved are required to formally respond to the Reports factual findings and recommendations. Those responses are now complete and can be found with the reports on the Grand Jury website.

The Grand Jury invites all residents within the county to read and consider each published report and the respective responses. The Grand Jury's work is done with the goal of informing the Sacramento County community of how its' governmental bodies are performing and if those agencies are providing the level of good governance that all its residents deserve.

Complaints to the Grand Jury can be made through the Grand Jury website where this a Complaint Process Brochure, Complaint Form download and instructions about the complaint process are set forth.

The Grand Jury invites all persons who are interested in participating in such efforts to apply to become a member of the 2026-2027 Grand Jury. Applications will be open on the Grand Jury website from November 21, 2025 through January 2, 2026.

The current 2025-2026 Grand Jury appreciates your attention to this message and to the work of the Grand Jury past, present and in the future.