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Sacramento County Grand Jury Launches New Public Website

In a move to provide greater transparency and access than ever before, the Sacramento County Grand Jury announced today it has re-designed its website for public use. The new site upgrades information and publicly available materials which, in some cases, were nearly a decade old.

According to Grand Jury Foreperson Deanna Hanson, "The Grand Jury is entrusted by the public to investigate and report on local government operations and to ensure responsibilities are being fulfilled honestly and with integrity. It is also our duty to make certain the public understands our work and has the opportunity to be involved."

The new website incorporates vital and easy to use tools offering county residents the ability to confidentially file a formal complaint with the Grand Jury against agencies and officials in Sacramento County.

A September 2021 COVID-19 Investigative Report recommending mandated vaccines for all eligible Sacramento County K-12th grade staff and students is available on the website. Additionally, prior reports ranging from reviews of school district operations to police department policies to fire district services are also featured. New brochures have been created to explain both citizen complaint filing as well as applications for Grand Jury service. These brochures may be downloaded by anyone interested in wanting a better understanding of the values of the Grand Jury and how it functions.

County residents may also use the website to apply for the opportunity to serve as a Grand Juror in 2022. Press releases are posted to the site as well as contact information for any organization wishing to have a Juror featured as a presentation speaker.

The new website is available at: http://www.sacgrandjury.org. It may also be accessed through a quick link on the Sacramento County Superior Court homepage.