

Superior Court of California  
County of Santa Clara

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Chambers of  
HON. JULIE A. EMEDE, Presiding Judge

December 24, 2025

Mr. Frank Maitski  
President, North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District  
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*Sent via email: guadalupecoyotercd@gmail.com*

Dear Mr. Maitski:

We are pleased to share that the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is now recruiting volunteers for the 2026–27 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury. As part of our annual recruitment, we are reaching out to community members like you—elected officials, business leaders, and civic leaders—who can help spread the word and encourage participation in this important civic role.

The Civil Grand Jury plays an essential role in the Judicial Branch as an independent civil investigative body. This is a meaningful opportunity for residents to help improve the effectiveness and transparency of local government. Grand jurors have the authority to review the operations of county and city agencies, school districts, and special districts, and are legally empowered to inspect adult and juvenile detention facilities.

Each year, we aim to assemble a grand jury pool that is representative of our community. A broad range of viewpoints is vital to supporting the panel's wide-ranging oversight responsibilities. With your help, we can continue to ensure that the Civil Grand Jury remains a strong source of accountability and positive change in Santa Clara County.

Eligible residents—U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old and have lived in the County for at least one year—are encouraged to apply for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

Applications may once again be submitted entirely online at <https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/CGJ>. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 27, 2026. For questions or assistance, applicants may contact Britney Huelbig, Deputy Manager of the Civil Grand Jury, at 408-882-2721 or [CGJ@scscourt.org](mailto:CGJ@scscourt.org). If you have upcoming events or outreach opportunities, Ms. Huelbig is available to coordinate court support as needed.

Thank you for assisting us in this important outreach. We welcome the opportunity to speak with those you help direct our way about the many rewards of Civil Grand Jury service.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Julie A. Emede.

Julie A. Emede  
Presiding Judge

Handwritten signature of Eric S. Geffon.

Eric S. Geffon  
Assistant Presiding Judge