



SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 30, 2023

MEDIA CONTACT:

Norval Wellsfry, 2022-2023 Grand Jury Foreperson
Steve Caruso, 2023-2024 Grand Jury Foreperson
(916) 874-7559

County Grand Jury Wraps Up Busy Year

The 2022-23 Sacramento County Grand Jury has released its annual “Consolidated Report” as it wraps up a busy year on June 30. The Consolidated Report contains all four investigative reports previously released individually by the 19-member jury.

In its four reports, the Grand Jury conducted extensive investigations involving research, and a multitude of interviews and document reviews. This research led to the reports that revealed:

- The Rancho Murieta Community Services District lost the trust of its community when it failed to raise sufficient revenue to cover security costs, fund and replace capital assets, follow appropriate labor practices, and perform legally required audits.
- Sacramento County and the Sheriff’s Department have mismanaged operations and maintenance of the jails which has resulted in violations of the Constitution and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They have also delayed the funding and implementation of plans to alleviate these violations, subjecting the County jails to the potential of a federal conservatorship.
- As homelessness continues to escalate, the County and its seven incorporated cities have failed to cooperate, coordinate, and collaborate on effective planning with outcomes to directly address the problem.
- Mental illness and substance abuse among the homeless proliferate while the County and its incorporated cities fail to coordinate and cooperate. There are no measurable processes or outcome metrics to ensure that programs demonstrate success.

All reports can be viewed on-line at www.sacgrandjury.org.

Subjects of the reports have 60-90 days to formally respond to the Grand Jury investigative reports. A new Grand Jury begins its one-year term on July 1.

“The 2022-23 Sacramento County Grand Jury has been honored to serve the citizens of Sacramento County to ensure local government performs in the best interests of its citizens,” said out-going foreperson Norval Wellsfry.

The Sacramento County Grand Jury is the independent watchdog over public entities within the county. Concerned citizens can contact the Grand Jury on a confidential basis through written complaints that alert the Grand Jury to issues within public entities; we would like to hear from you at www.sacgrandjury.org.