



Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

To the Membership of the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

January, 2022

Officers of the Board, 2022

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| President | Doug Gillen |
| 1st VP | Lynn Bonas |
| 2nd VP | Karen Kindschi |
| Secretary | Rick Barker |
| Treasurer | Ken Blake |

Under current covid policies, it was decided by the board to conduct the election via USPS.

This is extraordinary that our new Directors on the Board from the last few panels are willing to serve as officers, and we are grateful for their service!

The next hybrid Board Meeting February 3, 2022 2:00PM on zoom and the home of Lynn Bonas. If you would like to attend by zoom, following is the information. If you would like to attend in person, please contact Lynn Bonas for directions.

Topic: GJAOC board meeting

Time: Feb 3, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84305014301?pwd=c0hpd1IPYkplU24zRUo4Z0JRNjRIUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 0501 4301

Passcode: 356920

This is a county site that lists Citizen Committees and Boards with pertinent information as to meetings and responsibilities. There are interesting opportunities for former Grand Jurors to participate in Community Service in a more focused way:

<https://cob.ocgov.com/sites/cob/files/2021-12/BCC%20Roster%20Detail%20-%20December.pdf>

Our next Luncheon is scheduled for March 3rd at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon St. Santa Ana.

Our scheduled speaker is Assistant Presiding Judge, Maria Hernandez who will be speaking on Human Trafficking. This is an excerpt from information posted by Vanguard University's forum on Ending Human Trafficking from 2020:

Hon. Maria Hernandez

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Judge of the Superior Court-Orange County

The Honorable Judge Maria Hernandez was appointed Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for Orange County on January 1, 2014 where she served until January of 2018. During her nine years as a juvenile court judge, she created and presided over the dedicated court addressing commercially sexually exploited children (GRACE-Generating Resources to Abolish Child Exploitation) and co-chaired the Orange County Committee relating to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). Judge Hernandez also created and presided over an innovative collaborative court for dedicated to boys in the child welfare system back in 2010 which continues to meet

the needs of highest risk system involved youth. While overseeing all daily court operations for the juvenile branch, she convened the County's first Juvenile Justice Summit in 2016 which brought together over 400 of the county's leaders to address the special needs of the children and families of Orange County.

Menu choices and more information will be sent in February. Just a note to save the date.

The California Grand Jurors' Association sent the following information to us:

Many of you have purchased and read *The California Grand Jury System*, a book first produced in 2010 and last updated in 2014. Now we have another update with significant changes and a new title, *California's Civil Grand Juries*. While the book discusses all of California grand jury authority, the title is more descriptive of the major thrust of the book which is also the primary role of CGJA.

The book is available on our website for reading or downloading at no cost at [California's Civil Grand Juries](#). Please enjoy it and share it with anyone you think may be interested.

The original purpose of this book was to educate as many Californians as possible about the power, authority and effectiveness of civil grand juries as a government watchdog. This updated book has the same objective. We believe it will be even more effective.

Thanks to Bart Harlan and Joe Moreland for their many years of service

and diligence. We appreciate you and will miss you. Congratulations to our new Board Officers.

Thank you for your support during the pandemic!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Lynn Bonas
1st VP Programs