



## Grand Jurors' Association of Orange

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

### President Pro Tem Message

The May 21st social luncheon was last Friday at the Phoenix Club. We had 47 attendees, and the current Grand Jury members were able to finally receive their lapel pins.

There was no speaker, so we all had time to meet the 12 who were able to attend. There are currently 15 panel members.

The first report was issued on the County response to the pandemic, and their second on OCSO evidence handling was released this week. There are more reports in the pipeline.

This panel has to be commended for perseverance under difficult circumstances. The court has been very strict in following health and safety guidelines, they've had no tours, their desks are all over the area wherever they are able to have them, including the storage room. It's been more than challenging, and they've put out two well researched reports so far. According to coverage from the Register, they've also been involved in some interesting indictments.

**Reminder :** Volunteers for the ad hoc committee to consider donations to nonprofits that address issues identified in Grand Jury Reports are: Theresa Elders, Fred Gebhardt, and John Moohr has agreed to be Chair. Thank you John! If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact [lynn.bonas@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.bonas@gmail.com) . If you'd like to make recommendations, please do! Putting a spotlight on past reports that made a difference is a great way to promote the Grand Jury system and the changes identified that are being met by the community.

Bill Underwood, chair of the Measure M OC Go reported that the committee completed their work. Kudos to those who served on this with Bill: Virginia Zlaket, Robin Bowen, Sandy Dunkin, Bette Flick and John Moohr. Bill has been such an asset to chair this committee and recruiting the team. Many thanks, Bill for another year of a job well done!

We have scheduled a quarterly luncheon for **September 9th**, Phoenix Club. Note: this is the 2nd Thursday in September.

Our next zoom board meeting is June 3rd, 2pm. We are planning on meeting in person again in August (July is dark). Our meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 10am at the OC Credit Union, 856 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

The San Luis Obispo chapter invited us to a presentation on redistricting. It was very informative. Cheryl Brothers, a past president of the GJAOC, sent me the following email. It provides a link to a similar presentation that she attended.

Hi Cheryl Brothers,



Thank you for attending We Draw the Lines – CA: Redistricting Update. We hope you enjoyed our event.

To access a recording of this webinar, please go to <https://vimeo.com/553040496>

Stay safe and healthy!

Lynn Bonas  
Pro Tem



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We have a date to have our initial meet and greet with the sitting Grand Jury on **May 21st, 2021, at the Phoenix Club.**

**If you are interested in attending this socially distant luncheon, please contact Alf Lyle ([alflyle@earthlink.net](mailto:alflyle@earthlink.net)) by May 7th, 2021. The Phoenix Club is working with us on this, and the menu will depend on the number of people who respond, so please, please let Alf know by the 7th. I'll be able to nail down the menu based on attendance, and once you rsvp and we have a count, menu choices will be emailed to you. There will not be a speaker, this is strictly social to meet the current panel members for the first time.**

Update: Judge Larsh will be meeting with the ad hoc committee to discuss an externship for a law student to assist the sitting Grand Jury. Win for a law student to become familiar with the system, win for the sitting Grand Jury to have assistance in legal research on case law and public policy. We will be researching the feasibility if we can proceed.

An agenda item for our May 6th meeting is one to donate some of our funds to nonprofits that address issues identified in Grand Jury Reports, such as Mind OC/ Be Well OC. Our income from the screening process for the oversight committee on Measure M/OC Go has grown, and we need to spend it to promote the goals of our association, especially education and preservation of the Grand Jury System. Please email with any recommendations. It's a great opportunity for us to support our reports from the past, and let future Grand Jurors know that we can support their findings in the future. Send recommendations to: [lynn.bonas@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.bonas@gmail.com) and I will forward them to an ad hoc committee that will review and present to the board. If you're interested in serving on that committee, please let me know.

The CGJA had a zoom meeting today. They have a very comprehensive website. I encourage you to check it out: [www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org). While our association is independent, we have members who are also members of the state organization. Their Training pages are filled with information.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for May 6th, 2pm.  
Topic: GJAOC zoom meeting  
Time: May 6, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Stay safe and healthy! And please rsvp to Alf if you are able to attend on May 21st,  
Phoenix Club.

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Our zoom meeting with Marshall Moncrief was a very comprehensive description of the services Mind OC and Be Well OC have established to address the treatment of Mental Illness and Substance Abuse in our community.

This innovative approach is tackling not only the homeless population, but those who are without insurance and are in need of crisis intervention, evaluation and rehabilitation with programs for children and adults.

One of our members shared an encounter with a homeless mentally ill person in crisis. Here are the numbers you can program into your phones in case you find yourself in a similar situation:

Orange County Centralized Assessment Team (CAT) is 866.830.6011

Adults: 714.517.6355

Children: 714.480.4670

County of Orange Behavioral Health Services Information and Referral Line:  
855-625-4657

Huntington Beach is working with Mind OC where an EMT and Mental Health worker are part of the first response team to a situation that could end up with the person in crisis in jail or an emergency room. The first facility that opened in Orange/Anaheim has an evaluation/detox center, and beds are available for short term and longer term patients. Two more facilities are scheduled for Central/Coastal Orange County and South Orange County.

For more information: <https://bewelloc.org>