



ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY



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Recruitment



Orange County Grand Jury tour of landfill in Brea, CA



VOLUNTEER **TO SERVE ON 2023-2024** **ORANGE COUNTY** **GRAND JURY**

Make a Difference & Support Sound Government

To be eligible you must be County of Orange Resident, a U.S. Citizen, 18 or Older, have Knowledge of English Language, and Sound Judgement.

APPLY NOW!

See reverse side for recruitment timeline.



The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Approximately 80% of time is spent in a civil watchdog role with remaining time spent in criminal indictment hearings. No jury trials and all proceedings are closed to the public.

**Improve government
with your
recommendations**

**Issue indictments for
serious crimes**

**Ensure
performance of
county, city & other
local agencies are
proper and ethical**

**For Application &
Information Visit:
www.ocgrandjury.org**

**Follow us on
Facebook
Or Call 657-622-6747**

**\$50 PER DAY STIPEND
PLUS MILEAGE AND
RESERVED PARKING
SPACE**

**19 GRAND JURORS SHALL
TAKE OATH OF OFFICE FOR**

**ONE YEAR TERM
JULY 1, 2023—JUNE 30, 2024**

What is the GRAND JURY?

The Orange County Grand Jury is a group of 19 people tasked with civil oversight and criminal indictments. The new Grand Jury is seated in July and works for a full year, concluding the work by publishing reports about their investigations, which are public records and can be read at ocgrandjury.org.

It is said that Grand Juries are the voice of the people and the conscience of the community.



Back Row l to r: David Kusko, James Kristy, Arv Musgrave, Roland Esquivel, Steve Livingston, Wayne Wirtzenberg, Larry Callahan, Chuck Morse, Kenneth Skofjan, Michelle Ross l to r: Ted Sanchez, Howard Mironowitz, Jon Michael Penn, Ronald Silva, Fortunato Rivera, Front Row l to r: Lynn Bonas, Jo Anne Simon, Linda McCoppin, Helena Rutkowski, Eula Nelson



Role of the Grand Jury

- Ensure the performance of county, city, and local agencies is proper and ethical!
- Improve government with their recommendations!
- Respond to citizen complaints!
- Issue indictments for serious crimes!
- Make sure tax dollars are wisely spent!
- Evaluate conditions at our jails!



How is the Grand Jury empowered?

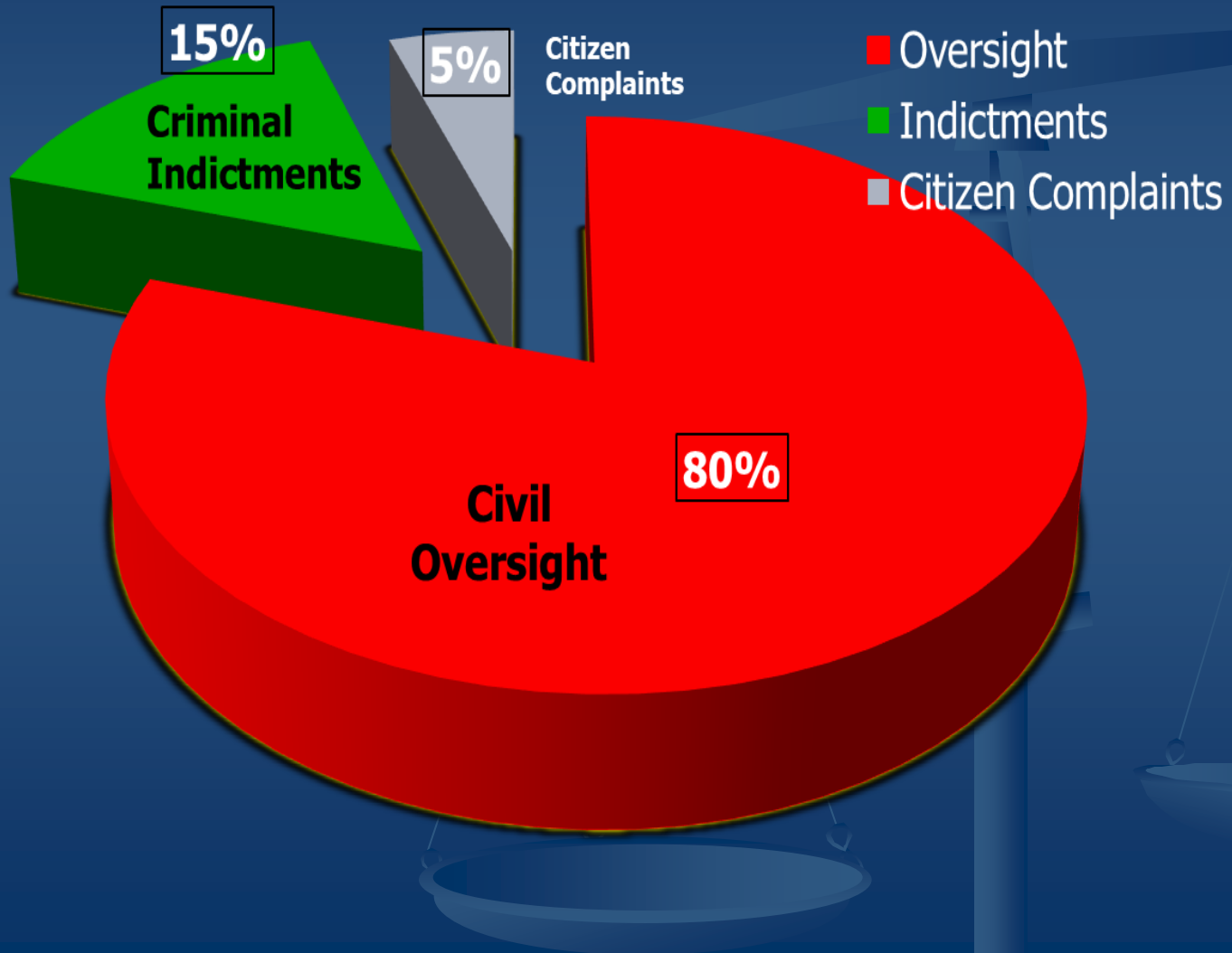
CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS

The Grand Jury considers evidence for possible **indictment of individuals** for criminal charges.

CIVIL INVESTIGATIONS

The Grand Jury provides **civil oversight** of local governments by reviewing and evaluating county and city departments, agencies, special districts, and jails within Orange County.

Time Allocation



Criminal Indictment Process

- The D.A. presents a case/facts.
- Examination of witnesses and evidence.
- Grand Jury deliberates:
 - Legal standard: "Preponderance of evidence", not "Beyond a reasonable doubt".
 - Indictment, not conviction.



Mexican Mafia killer-turned-snitch could walk free this month



Mexican Mafia boss Rene "Doner" Enriquez, 52, could be freed after 19a months, thanks to his work as an informant. He's currently serving two life sentences.

By TOM SAWYER | tsawyer@ohg.com | Orange County Register
PUBLISHED: February 13, 2015 at 9:25 a.m. |
UPDATED: May 30, 2018 at 11:31 a.m.



Civil Investigation Process

Tax Dollars



Jails

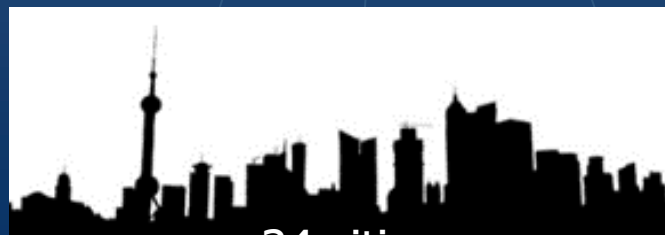
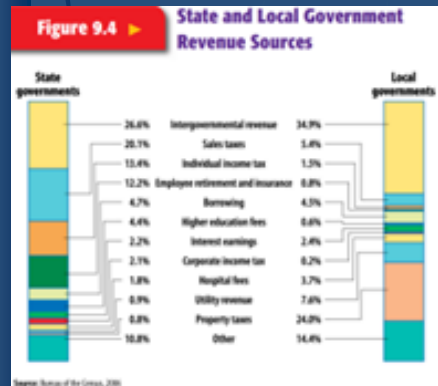
County Departments



Agencies



Districts

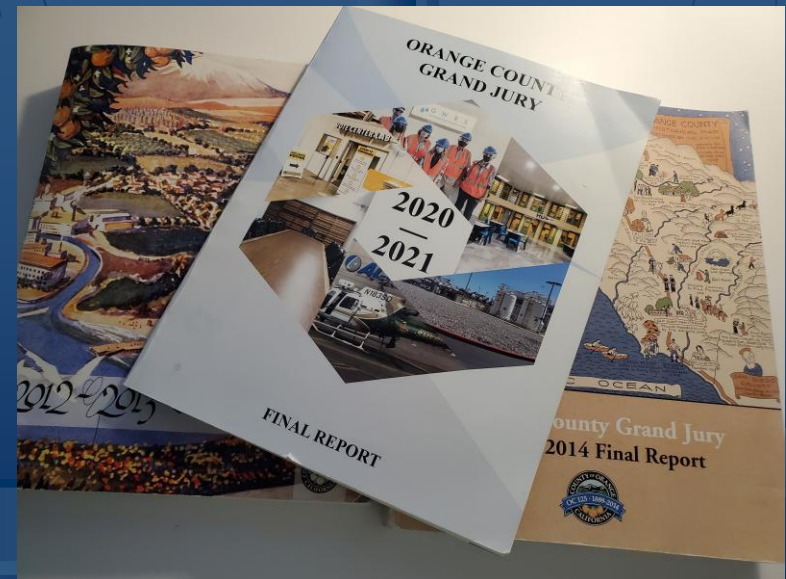
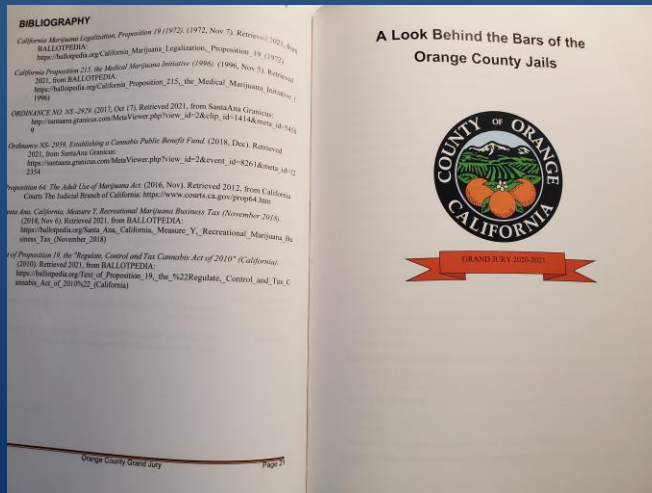


34 cities



Investigations and Reports

- **Grand jury is free to choose** which governmental entities or public officials to investigate.
- **Ideas** for investigations - citizen complaints, referrals from preceding grand jury, whatever is currently “trending”.
- While the Grand Jury has no authority to order or otherwise compel compliance, it is through its reports that the **grand jury wields its power.**
 - Media attention.
 - Public pressure often prompts the implementation of the recommended changes.



Responses

A faint, stylized image of a pair of scales of justice is visible in the background, centered behind the text. The scales are dark blue and appear to be slightly tilted.

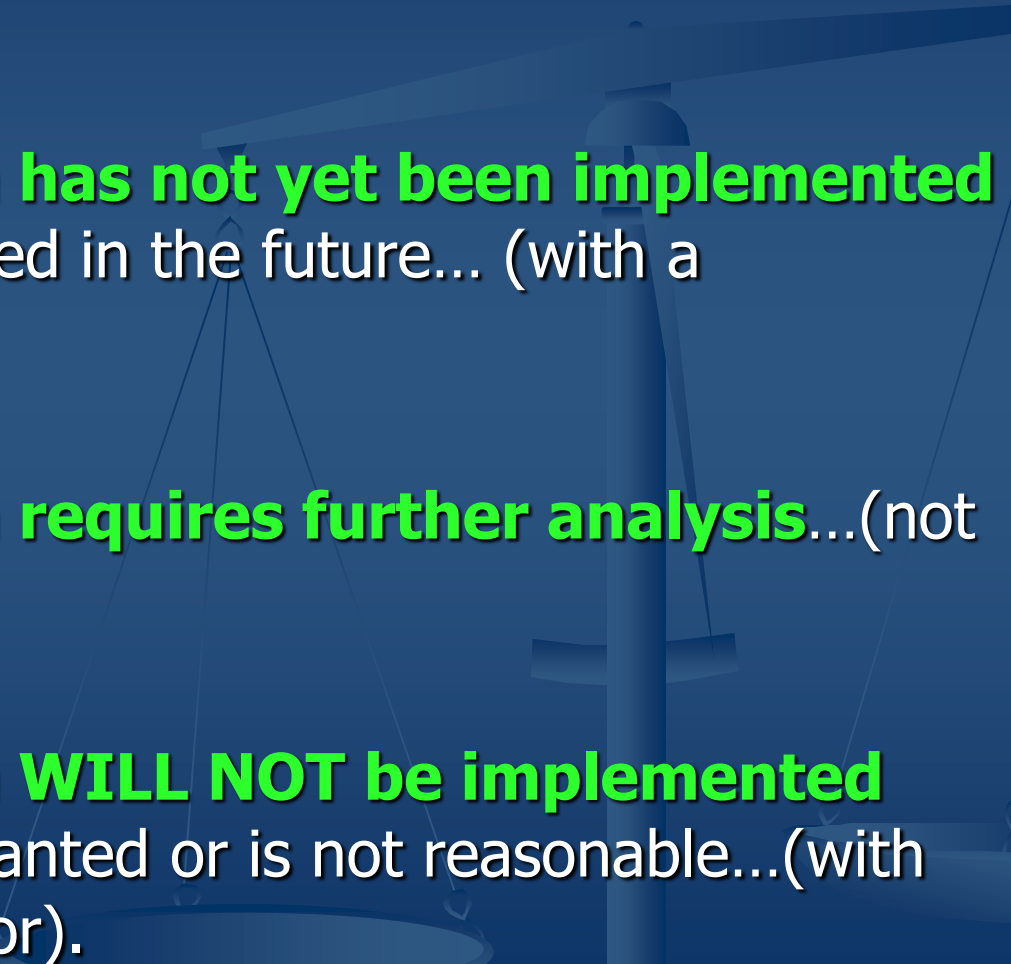
- The California Penal Code provides requirements to respond to the Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury report.
- Public agencies must respond within **90 days**;
- County officer must respond within **60 days**.

Findings



- Respondent **agrees** with Finding;
- Respondent **disagrees** wholly or partially with Finding;

Recommendations

- The Recommendation **has been implemented**;
 - The Recommendation **has not yet been implemented** but will be implemented in the future... (with a timeframe).
 - The Recommendation **requires further analysis**...(not to exceed 6 months);
 - The Recommendation **WILL NOT be implemented** because it is not warranted or is not reasonable...(with an explanation therefor).
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Grand jury report:

“Orange County animal shelter plagued by deplorable conditions, disease”



Newly constructed OC Animal Shelter today



2020 / 2021 Reports



2020 / 2021 Reports:

- \$28 Billion for a \$2.8 Billion Road *6/21/21*
- A Look Behind the Bars of the Orange County Jails *6/14/21*
- “Pot Luck” Santa Ana’s Monopoly on Licensed Retail Adult-Use Cannabis in Orange County *6/03/21*
- Orange County Sheriff’s Department Evidence Booking Issue - Has it Been Resolved? *5/24/21*
- Orange County Pandemic Preparedness *5/12/21*

2021 / 22 Reports



OC Grand Jury Says
Anaheim 'Betrayed' By
Angel Stadium Deal:
Report
Patch Staff

*Grand jury slams O.C. Power
Authority's inexperienced
leadership, lack of transparency
Times OC*





Newspaper Reporting

VOICE of OC

ORANGE COUNTY'S NONPROFIT NEWSROOM

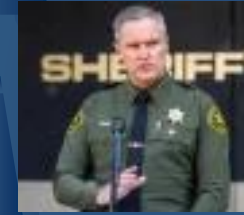
Despite High-Profile Escape, OC Jails Still Have Major Security Risks, Grand Jury Finds



OC Grand Jury Issues Report on County's Pandemic Response, Plans



OC grand jury slams sheriff's failure to lead



Deputy's False Police Report Charge Came After Mountain of Testimony to Grand Jury



In Scathing Report, OC Grand Jury Describes Shackles During Birthing, Care Delays in Custody



Grand jury report critical of toll roads



OCgrandjury.org

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of OCgrandjury.org. The browser's address bar shows the URL http://www.ocgrandjury.org/. The page features a blue header with the text "Grand Jury Orange County" and the official seal of Orange County, California. Below the header, there is a "Home" link. The main content area includes a section titled "What is the Grand Jury?" with a paragraph explaining the function and selection process of the Grand Jury in California. To the right of this text is a "More" link. Below this section, there are two columns. The left column is titled "Become a Grand Juror" and contains a red banner with the text "The application period for the 2015-2016 Grand Jury is now closed!" followed by information about the term starting July 1, 2015, and two bullet points: "2015-2016 Orange County Grand Jury Selected" and "Important Dates". The right column is titled "Grand Jury Site Visit Photos" and features a photo gallery of a site visit. The photo shows a group of people, including some in uniform, standing in front of a building. Below the photo is a pagination control showing "1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5". At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Apply for Grand Jury Service" and "A Look Inside The Grand Jury". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the browser window, showing the time as 7:01 PM on 8/9/2015.

http://www.ocgrandjury.org/ Grand Jury Orange County

Grand Jury Orange County

Home

What is the Grand Jury?

The California Grand Jury is unique in its function and selection process compared to other juries, including petit and trial juries and federal grand juries. Each county is required by law to impanel a body of 23 or 19 members, depending on county population, to serve for a term of one year. This body is mandated to investigate and report on both criminal and civil matters within the county...

[More](#)

Become a Grand Juror

The application period for the 2015-2016 Grand Jury is now closed! For information about the term that begins July 1, 2015, please click on the following:

- [2015-2016 Orange County Grand Jury Selected](#)
- [Important Dates](#)

Grand Jury Site Visit Photos



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[Apply for Grand Jury Service](#) [A Look Inside The Grand Jury](#)

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- A list of links: [2015-2016 Orange County Grand Jury Selected](#) and [Important Dates](#).
- A photograph of a group of people, with a pagination indicator "1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5" below it.
- Three buttons: "Apply for Grand Jury Service", "A Look Inside the Grand Jury", and "CA Civil Grand Jury Video".
- Two main sections:
 - Reports / Responses**: "Grand Jury Reports and responses (when available) may be viewed at the link below or at the Orange County Public Law Library located in the Civic Center Plaza, building #32." with a [Reports](#) link.
 - Public Concern Letters**: "The California Penal Code is silent on the matter of providing public input to the Grand Jury. Thus, the Grand Jury is under no legal mandate to make any kind of response to..." with a [None](#) link.
- A navigation bar with links: [Home](#) | [Become a Grand Juror](#) | [Gen Info](#) | [Reports](#) | [Concern Letters](#) | [Demographics](#).
- Contact information: "To send comments or errors about the website: [Webmaster](#)" and [Orange County Superior Court Website](#).
- Footer: [County of Orange Website](#).

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 7:04 PM on 1/20/2013.



Grand Jury Reports

All Grand Jury Reports are in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. [Click here](#) to download Acrobat Reader.

Grand Jury Reports and responses (when available) may be viewed at the links below or at the Orange County Public Law Library located in the Civic Center Plaza, building #32.

[Expand All](#) / [Collapse All](#)

- 2020-2021 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2019-2020 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2018-2019 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2017-2018 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2016-2017 Reports, in order of release.**
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- 2010-2011 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2009-2010 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2008-2009 Reports, in order of release.**
- 2007-2008 Reports, in order of release.**



2019-2020 Reports, in order of release.

• [2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report](#) 07/30/20

• [Status Update on open 2019-2021 Grand Jury Implementation Items](#) 03/23/21

• [OC Recycling: Doing it the Right Way](#) 06/30/20

- [City of Santa Ana](#) 12/14/20
- [City of Irvine](#) 11/24/20
- [City of Orange](#) 11/06/20
- [City of Brea](#) 11/05/20
- [City of Huntington Beach](#) 10/07/20
- [City of Buena Park](#) 09/23/20
- [City of Dana Point](#) 09/10/20
- [City of Anaheim](#) 09/02/20
- [City of Anaheim](#) 08/26/20
- [County of Orange Executive Officer](#) 08/25/20
- [City of Garden Grove](#) 08/25/20

Qualifications to Serve



Legal:

- US Citizen
- OC Resident
- 18 or older
- No felony convictions
- Knowledge of English
- Sound Judgment

Operational:

- Research ability / Experience
- Writing ability / Experience
- No Personal / Political Agendas
- Ability to analyze data
- Able to work in a group environment
- No extended absences

Organization of the Grand Jury



➤ 1 Year Term – July 1 to June 30

➤ Members:

- Applications rec'd 100 - 200
- Applications vetted 90
- Final Selection 30 applicants
- **Seated 19**
- Alternates 11

➤ Working Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30 – 3:30

Fridays 8:30 – Noon

➤ Stipend of \$50/day; + Mileage

➤ Officers:

- Foreperson (selected by Judges)
- Foreperson Pro-Tem
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Sergeant at Arms
- Historian / Parliamentarian

Committees:

- Criminal Justice
- Cities / Counties
- Transportation & Environmental
- Social Services / Human Services
- Continuity / Special Issues
- Recruitment & Orientation
- Editorial



Friends for life



Members, from left to right: Jim Kristy, Assistant Chair; David Kasabo; JoAnne Simon, Secretary; Lynn Bonas; Ted Sanchez; Ken Skolyan, Chair

Environmental & Transportation Committee



Members, from left to right: Wayne Wartenberg; Fortunato Rivera; Howard Mirowitz; Lynn Bonas, Secretary; Aru Musgrave; Ken Skolyan, Assistant Chair; Jo Anne Simon, Chair; James Kristy; Linda McCoppin

Editorial Committee

Friends for life. . .



Medal of Valor Luncheon



Touring Newport Harbor

Judge Maria Hernandez

Assistant Presiding Judge



911 Emergency Call Center



Orange County Tours and Visits



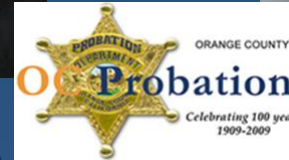
Board of Supervisors



Elected Officials & Judges



Sheriff's Dept.



OC Animal Care



OC Dept. of Education



Health Dept.



Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

County Departments



Ride-Alongs with OC Sheriff

(Patrol Car, Harbor Boats, Equestrian, Helicopter)



Youth Guidance Center



Youth Leadership Academy



Juvenile Hall



Juvenile Facilities



Central Jail, Theo Lacy Jail, Musick Jail



Great Park in Irvine



City Council Meetings



All cities of Orange County



Huntington Beach



Downtown Santa Ana



Dana Point Harbor

Cities



Irvine City Hall

Orange County Grand Jury



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

www.ocgrandjury.org