

## NEWS RELEASE

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## 2019-2020 CIVIL GRAND JURY TERM EXTENDED

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—Due to the recent impacts surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) has ordered a six month extension for the 2019-2020 Civil Grand Jury to complete its term and submit its Final Report by December 31, 2020.

With this extension in place, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has approved to change the Civil Grand Jury's term from fiscal year to calendar year permanently, pursuant to California Penal Code 905.5(b). The new 2021 Civil Grand Jury will be sworn in by December 2020 and officially begin its new term on January 1, 2021.

The Civil Grand Jury is charged by the California Penal Code to investigate all aspects of the county, including cities and special districts, and potentially hear information on certain criminal investigations. All communications to the Civil Grand Jury are confidential and every signed citizen complaint is responded to after investigation.

Please refer to the revised <u>recruitment timeline</u> for important dates and information. For further questions or comments, please visit the Grand Jury's website at <u>http://wp.sbcounty.gov/grandjury/</u> or you may contact the Grand Jury Assistant at (909) 387-9120.