



**Superior Court of California
County of San Bernardino**

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Due to the recent impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on our County, the Court has ordered a six-month extension for the current 2019-2020 Grand Jury to complete its term and submit its Final Report by December 31, 2020.

With this extension in place, the Court is respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors amend the Civil Grand Jury term from fiscal year to calendar year permanently, pursuant to Penal Code 905.5(b). This change will allow the new 2021 Civil Grand Jury a full twelve months to conduct its duties and responsibility. Otherwise, the 2021 Civil Grand Jury would only have a six-month term to conduct its investigations and complete its report by June 30, 2021.

The Court appreciates your consideration of this request. The importance of the San Bernardino County Grand Jury having a full year to investigate and prepare its report is a key part of the process aimed at increasing the accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness of our County's local governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sachs".

Michael A. Sachs
Presiding Judge

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cc: Michelle Blakemore, County Counsel, San Bernardino County