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California Courts Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary of Juror Appreciation Week

San Francisco—Starting today, California courts are celebrating Juror Appreciation Week, May 12–16. This year marks the 10-year anniversary since a resolution was passed by the California Legislature that established Juror Appreciation Week as an annual event held the second week in May.

Juror Appreciation Week allows courts to thank jurors for their vital role in our justice system and for fulfilling their jury service responsibilities. Approximately 2.7 million potential jurors report for jury duty each year in California. Of those, about 1.3 million report in person and another 1.4 million report by telephone.

The Administrative Office of the Courts has provided all superior courts with banners, magnets, buttons, and certificates of appreciation to help them celebrate this special week. Here is how some courts are observing the week:

Superior Court of Alameda County: The court will give the jurors candy and display a Juror Appreciation Week banner.

Superior Court of Calaveras County: The court will provide refreshments in the lobby for jurors and display balloons.

Superior Court of Kings County: The court will serve prospective jurors donuts and coffee and provide other treats in the deliberation rooms.

Superior Court of Los Angeles County: The court will give prospective jurors pencils and water bottles.

Superior Court of Madera County: The court will serve jurors finger foods and other refreshments.

Superior Court of Mendocino County: The court will provide coffee and

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cookies for jurors, place fresh flowers in the Assembly Room, and post signs and banners.

Superior Court of Orange County: The court will give jurors post-it notes printed with expressions of appreciation, magnets, bookmarks, and refreshments. This year, an electronic marquee will run messages of appreciation of jurors. Large cloth banners will be hung outside and inside the justice centers.

Superior Court of San Mateo County: The court will have cookies and beverages available for jurors during the entire week. Jurors will hear speeches from several judges.

Superior Court of Santa Clara County: The court will provide coffee, tea, juice, and pastries for jurors in the Jury Assembly Rooms.

Superior Court of Shasta County: The court will hang a banner acknowledging jurors on the front of the courthouse, serve cookies in the Jury Assembly Room, and give the jurors magnets, buttons, and bookmarks.

Superior Court of Sonoma County: The court will give jurors magnets, buttons, and certificates of appreciation, as well as notepads, pens, and candy.

Superior Court of Stanislaus County: The court will provide refreshments, including bottled water, muffins, and cookies, for jurors throughout the week.

Superior Court of Ventura County: The court will serve cookies and coffee to prospective jurors each day. The presiding judge will address jurors during orientation.

Superior Court of Yolo County: Jurors will receive souvenir items, including pens, bookmarks, mugs, magnets, wristbands, and certificates of appreciation. They will also be treated to pastries, muffins, cookies, fresh fruit, coffee, and tea, and the Jury Assembly Room will be decorated with banners and balloons.

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