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California Courts Celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 8–12

Courts Throughout State Recognize Service of Jurors

San Francisco—Starting today, courts throughout the state are celebrating Juror Appreciation Week to honor the 1.3 million Californians who participate in jury duty each year.

Juror Appreciation Week was established in 1998 by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature that recognizes the vital contribution of jurors in “making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality.” Juror Appreciation Week is held every year during the second week in May. This year it is celebrated May 8–12.

To acknowledge the important role of jurors, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has streamlined its jury information site, www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury/, to make it easier for prospective jurors to navigate and to provide a briefing page for employers.

The site includes expanded information about initiatives such as the Model Juror Summons, which standardizes juror summonses across the state, and the one-day or one-trial rule, which allows jurors to serve either one day or one trial to satisfy their annual civic duty. The site also features commonly asked questions by Californians called for jury duty and contains information about the trial process, the role of jurors and their employers, and commonly used legal terms.

Here is how some courts are celebrating Juror Appreciation Week.

Superior Court of Alameda County: The court will link its festivities with Law Day by coordinating a breakfast and a student luncheon and conducting court tours with the local bar association and county agencies.

Superior Court of Fresno County: Jurors will be greeted by a ten-foot welcoming banner, morning treats, and daily movies as they wait to be

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called for duty. In addition, special certificates will be presented to jurors who serve and special drawings will be held, with winners receiving tins of teas or coffee mugs filled with candy.

Superior Court of Imperial County: The court will sponsor an essay contest for 7th through 12th graders. Hot dogs and sodas will be served in front of the courthouse.

Superior Court of Los Angeles County: At courthouses in Pasadena, East Los Angeles, El Monte, West Covina, and Beverly Hills, jurors will be greeted by judicial officers and will be served breakfast treats.

Superior Court of Placer County: The court will partner with the county bar and high schools to inform graduating seniors about their jury responsibilities. The court also will hold drawings in the jury assembly room for gift certificates to coffee shops and movie theaters.

Superior Court of Sacramento County: Judges will welcome jurors each day this week, and donuts and coffee will be served.

Superior Court of San Francisco County: Jurors will be recognized by the court with a letter from the presiding judge and court administrator, thanking them for their service.

Superior Court of Yolo County: The court will serve pastries and fresh fruit every day during Juror Appreciation Week. Sworn jurors will receive mugs.

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