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RE: Installation Ceremony of New Civil Grand Jury

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The new fiscal year 2019-2020 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury will be sworn into office on Monday, July 1st at 12:00 p.m. in the Mural Room on the second floor of the Superior Court in Santa Barbara. The Superior Court's Presiding Judge, Honorable Michael J. Carrozzo, will oversee the ceremonies, which will include the discharge of the outgoing 2018-2019 Grand Jury that released several reports during its term in office. **The public and media are invited to attend.**

The Civil Grand Jury is a unique institution whose primary purpose is to act as a "watchdog" of local government and make recommendations for improvements. The Civil Grand Jury is comprised of 19 citizen volunteers who will serve for a one-year period. Three jurors from the fiscal year 2018-2019 Grand Jury will be "held over" for a second year of service under a special provision of law in order to provide continuity and "institutional memory" for the new Grand Jury members.