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JURORS: WE APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR IMPORTANCE TO OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

The San Francisco County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, today through Friday, May 17, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from the City and County of San Francisco, Court Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner Brandon E. Riley announced today.

Recognition for jurors during the second week in May was established by a special resolution passed by the California Legislature in 1998 to acknowledge the important contributions of citizens who devote their time and effort in "making the cherished right of trial by jury a reality."

This week, 6,214 San Franciscans have been summoned for jury service.

"Jurors recognize the distinct and critical function they serve in the administration of justice," Presiding Judge Anne-Christine Massullo said. "Our Court is grateful to the thousands of San Franciscans who have served with diligence, attention and fairness."

CEO/Jury Commissioner Riley added, "Each year, thousands of jurors take time from their family, work and personal commitments to uphold their civic duty to assure equal access to justice is fair, impartial and available to defendants and

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litigants in San Francisco. We know it is difficult to put everything on hold to report for jury service. We appreciate you. We look forward to recognizing your commitment. We hope your jury service experience in San Francisco matches the positive feedback we routinely receive from jurors after their jury service is done.”

In Fiscal Year 2022-23, the Court summoned 332,755 people for jury service, and of those, 191,907 completed jury service in person or by telephone standby.

The Court collaborates with the Judicial Council of California to recognize the millions of Californians who answer the call to serve their communities and put into practice the fundamental American ideal of trial by jury. Citizens who fulfill their jury service obligation are continuing a tradition established under the Constitution over 200 years ago. Without jurors, trial by a jury of your peers would collapse.

The Court is committed to building a pool of prospective jurors with diverse backgrounds that reflect our City’s vast diversity. The Court’s **Be the Jury** pilot program, which offers \$100 per day for jury service to eligible San Franciscans, has proven to be an effective incentive to counter financial hardship that often is a barrier to jury service. More information is available [here](#).

Here is the schedule of acknowledgements:

- **Today** – Jury Office staff will give goodie bags to sworn jurors at the Hall of Justice, where judges hear criminal cases.
- **Tuesday, May 14** – Jury Office staff will give goodie bags to sworn jurors at the Civic Center Courthouse, where judicial officers primarily hear civil, family law and probate cases.
- **Wednesday, May 15** – Jurors at both courthouses will be treated with cookies.
- **Thursday, May 16** – The Court is providing lunch for persons serving on the criminal and civil grand juries.

More information on jury service in San Francisco is available [here](#).

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