



# *Superior Court of California*

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## **JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATING JURORS DURING JURY SERVICE**

[Ventura, California]—The Superior Court of Ventura County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 12–16, to recognize the service and participation of jurors from our local community. 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.”

Jurors serve our community and those who need access to justice, which includes the right to a trial where they can be heard and judged by their peers. In recognition of this valuable service, the judicial branch has worked to ease the inconvenience of jury duty with one-day or one-trial service and plain-language jury instructions. We in the court want each and every juror to know how much their participation and contribution to our American system of justice is appreciated.

Annually, millions of Californians statewide participate in jury service:

- Approximately 9 million people are summoned to jury service;
- Over 3.5 million prospective jurors are eligible and available to serve; and
- Approximately 80 percent of prospective jurors complete service in one day.

"On behalf of all of the judges and the entire court staff, we thank all of our jurors for their valuable time and service. Jury service is much more than an obligation; it is an opportunity and fundamental right that all jurors have to participate as integral members of our justice system. Central to the mission of the judicial

branch is access to justice for all citizens, a goal which cannot be attained without the service of all jurors who appear in our courts to participate in their civic responsibility. We enjoy the fruits of democracy only when we actively, and sometimes inconveniently, work at it. We hope that everyone in the community values all the rights which distinguish our justice system from all others, including the critical right to a jury trial." Hon. Brian J. Back, Presiding Judge.

For more information about Ventura Superior Court Jury Services, please visit the Court's website at: <http://www.ventura.courts.ca.gov/jury-service.asp>

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