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## **Santa Clara County's Civil Grand Jury Releases FY 2017-18 Reports**

*The 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury concluded its term June 21, 2018.*

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (June 25, 2018): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara announces the release of seven reports for this Civil Grand Jury term.

Over the course of its term, the Civil Grand Jury considered 36 complaints, which resulted in seven reports. During the investigations into these complaints, the Civil Grand Jury conducted over 100 interviews of government officials and employees. The 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury volunteered hundreds of hours to ensure the efficiency of local government.

### **POLICE AND THE MENTALLY ILL: IMPROVING OUTCOMES**

In Santa Clara County during 2013-2017, 31 people died as a result of officer involved shootings. Nine of the 31 suffered from mental illness, and in some of those encounters police used deadly force against unarmed citizens. [REPORT LINK](#)

### **TAXPAYER-FUNDED AUTOMATIC RECOUNTS: A SOLUTION LOOKING FOR A PROBLEM**

In a democracy it is crucial for citizens to have faith in the election process. We must have confidence that when we vote, all ballots are examined, and only valid ballots are counted. [REPORT LINK](#)

### **REPORT ON DETENTION FACILITIES – IN THE ERA OF REFORM**

Wide-ranging Santa Clara County jail reform continues following the 2015 beating death of a mentally ill inmate in the Main Jail by three correctional deputies and their subsequent June 2017 conviction for second-degree murder. [REPORT LINK](#)

### **SUPERINTENDENT TURNOVER AT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION – TIME TO ELECT THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A school district best serves its students and parents when its trustees and superintendent are aligned under a shared vision, with each understanding and respecting the well-defined authority and jurisdiction of the other. [REPORT LINK](#)

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS – DENSITY IS OUR DESTINY**

The critical need for affordable housing is the issue of the day in Santa Clara County ... and our cities are flailing. Higher densities are a necessary solution, but cities are not fully embracing this solution in the face of resident resistance, and a lack of funding, land and urgency. [REPORT LINK](#)

### **ALUM ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD: TIME TO PUT 'TRUST' BACK IN TRUSTEE**

Parents and residents of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (District) have criticized the actions of the District Board of Trustees (Board) for decades. The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) has issued reports on the District as far back as 1995. [REPORT LINK](#)

## **CONTINUITY REPORT**

In its role of monitoring and evaluating responses to the findings and recommendations in the reports published by its predecessor, the 2016-2017 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (2017 Grand Jury), and the 2017-2018 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (2018 Grand Jury) found unresolved issues in three of the reports. [REPORT LINK](#)

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