



EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURY 2017 - 2018

FINAL REPORT JUNE 2018

HONORABLE WARREN CURT STRACENER, SUPERVISING JUDGE

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2017-2018 GRAND JURY



June 20, 2018

Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge
California Superior Court, County of El Dorado

Dear Judge Kingsbury,

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury Final Report. It represents the yearlong collaborative effort of dedicated El Dorado County citizens with whom I am proud to have been associated.

The Grand Jury concept is alive and well. Nineteen individuals can come together, determine worthwhile topics, perform earnest investigations and write meaningful reports. The process coalesces successfully despite individual abilities, distinct personalities, and disparate backgrounds. I commend each juror for a job well done.

Thank you to Grand Jury Supervising Judge Honorable Warren Stracener for appointing me Foreperson. I especially want to thank Judge Stracener for realizing that the unusual requests I made on behalf of the entire Jury will benefit future grand juries.

I want to express my appreciation for the invaluable assistance of several individuals. Senior Deputy County Counsel Paula Frantz provided general guidance, invaluable legal assistance and helped make our reports logically and legally correct. Keely Cleland in the Auditor-Controller's Office guided me through the labyrinth of County financial requirements and answered every obscure question I had. Superior Court Administrative Analyst Suzanne Thurman combined with Judge Stracener to make the initial Jury available, trained and ready to go. Her indispensable knowledge provided an invaluable interface with Judge Stracener. She is, indeed, a guiding force of the Grand Jury.

They all made my service more successful than I imagined possible. Future Grand Juries will always have a head start to success with the assistance of these dedicated individuals.

Serving as Foreperson has been a personally rewarding experience — I look forward to serving again.

Respectfully,

Tom Simpson

Tom Simpson, Foreperson

cc: Honorable Warren C. Stracener

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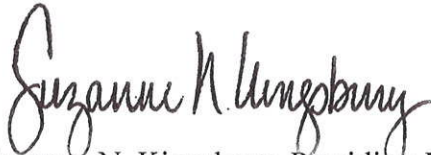
To The Members of the 2017/2018 Grand Jury,

On behalf of the El Dorado County Superior Court, I would like to express my appreciation for your hard work and for your dedication. During the past year, in your role as members of our civil grand jury, you have provided independent oversight of the operation of city and county government and special districts and school districts. You have inspected adult and juvenile correctional facilities which operate within our county. You have reviewed processes and procedures and looked for ways in which government can operate more efficiently or transparently. You have received complaints from members of the public which have required investigation and fact finding.

The time and effort involved in order for you to serve as grand jurors is significant. Despite long hours and nominal remuneration, you have worked tirelessly to conduct thorough investigations and provide comprehensive reports and recommendations. Without your selfless commitment to public service, many important issues would not be brought to light. You, and your predecessors, have helped make El Dorado County a better place.

Thank you so much for your service,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne N. Kingsbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge