

**El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Response to the
2025-26 El Dorado County Grand Jury Report
(Case 26-03: El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury Website – Bringing Clarity
to the Public Process)**

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The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors to all Findings and Recommendations.

Consistent with previous practice and pursuant to Board Policy A-11, the Chief Administrative Office is responsible for coordinating the County's response to the Grand Jury. Responses to the Grand Jury Report are directed by Board Policy A-11 and Penal Code 933.05. Accordingly, the Chief Administrative Office has reviewed and compiled the responses from all non-elected department heads into this Initial Draft Response for the Board's consideration.

FINDINGS

- F1. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not provide information that explains the interview process.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding.

The Grand Jury website includes a section titled "What to Expect in a Civil Grand Jury Interview," which outlines the interview's structure, expected duration, confidentiality requirements, and the follow-up process. Content for the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury. If additional detail is desired, the Grand Jury may request updates from the Information Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- F2. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not provide a comprehensive explanation of the Grand Jury's role, authority, and function.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding.

The main landing page of the Grand Jury website explains what a Grand Jury is, its role, and how it operates. Content published on the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury itself. If additional detail is desired, the Grand Jury may request updates from the Information Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and MOU.

- F3. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not provide comprehensive eligibility criteria for individuals interested in joining the Civil Grand Jury.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding.

The "Apply to Join" tab of the of the Grand Jury website lists the eligibility requirements to serve on the Grand Jury, as well as circumstances that would make an individual ineligible. Content published on the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury itself. If additional detail is desired, the Grand Jury may request updates from the Information

Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and MOU.

- F4. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not provide information about application procedures for joining the Grand Jury and timelines are not clearly presented.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees partially with the finding.

The “Apply to Join” tab of the of the Grand Jury website contains information on applying when the application period is open. The page currently includes the timeline of the term that Grand Jurors serve, but not timelines of the application procedure itself. Content published on the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury itself. If additional details are desired, such as providing additional timelines or having the application procedures posted even when the application period is closed, the Grand Jury may request those updates from the Information Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and MOU.

- F5. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not prominently display or clearly provide contact information, or guidance for inquiries.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding.

The “How to Contact the Civil Grand Jury” tab of the of the Grand Jury website contains the Civil Grand Jury’s email, mailing address, and phone number. The “Submitting a Complaint” tab details the complaint submission process and contains a mailing address and email address to submit the complaint. Content published on the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury itself. If additional detail or a different location for this information is desired, the Grand Jury may request updates from the Information Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and MOU.

- F6. The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury website does not provide a separate section for additional resources for those individuals seeking information about the Civil Grand Jury.

The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding.

The “Resources” tab of the of the Grand Jury website contains multiple resources for those wanting more information on the Civil Grand Jury. Content published on the Grand Jury website is created by the Grand Jury itself. If additional detail or resources are desired, the Grand Jury may request updates from the Information Technologies Department, which will post approved content in accordance with the established Service Level Agreement and MOU.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. The Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors direct the IT department to consult annually with the sitting Grand Jury and the Court to review and update the Civil Grand Jury website as necessary to maintain current information and relevancy.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Information Technologies (IT) Department will incorporate time with the incoming Grand Jury Foreman following new Grand Jury onboarding to review the IT Service Level Agreement which details the process for requesting changes to the website. Throughout the term, the Grand Jury may request any updates to the website in accordance with the approved Service Level Agreement and MOU.