

**2022 - 2023
TUOLUMNE COUNTY
GRAND JURY REPORT**



Tuolumne County 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury

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COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE GRAND JURY

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Honorable Judge Laura L. Krieg
Assistant Presiding Judge
Tuolumne Superior Court

June 26, 2023

Dear Judge Krieg:

The 2022-2023 Tuolumne County Grand Jury is pleased to submit our final report to you.

Launching a Grand Jury investigation requires a vote with a supermajority of jurors in favor. We spent a great deal of time choosing subjects that would be of interest to us, important to the community, and hopefully helpful to local government.

Like any Grand Jury, we dealt with illness, absences, extreme weather, even resignations. It was wonderful to see the work product go on, produced by those on hand at any given time. If anyone reading this has the slightest inclination to serve on a future jury, I encourage you to consider it. Applications are available on the Tuolumne County Superior Court website.

Most of us will have occasional interactions with county or city government. Maybe paying a bill or asking a question over the phone or over a counter. Perhaps a school meeting or a police interaction. We on the Jury had the chance to meet with County employees, school officials and employees, and law enforcement. These meetings were not brief interactions - they were lengthy discussions. Without exception, the Jury was impressed with the professionalism and cooperation we found at each office or school we visited.

I hesitate to close on a sour note but I must. Support from the Tuolumne County Administration Office has been disappointing. With all the buildings and office space controlled by the County, they could not find one office for the Jury. We operated out of backpacks and met in whatever room we could find on any particular week. We were provided with a suite of complicated computer office programs - and given no training. This must be resolved for the 2023-2024 Grand Jury.

Respectfully,

Robert Canavan

Robert Canavan
Grand Jury Foreman



The Tuolumne County 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Report Consists of the Following Five Individual Reports:

- 1. Continuity Report dated March 1, 2023, Pages 1-36, 2020-2022 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations/2022-2023 Grand Jury Review of Responses**
- 2. Tuolumne County Airports Report dated June 30, 2023, Pages 1-40, Motherlode Gems: Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake Airports**
- 3. Tuolumne County Elections Report dated June 30, 2023, Pages 1-23, State of Tuolumne County Elections**
- 4. Tuolumne County Jails and Prison Facilities Report dated June 30, 2023, Pages 1-15**
- 5. Tuolumne County School Safety Report dated June 30, 2023, Pages 1-39, Working Together to Improve the Safety of Our Students**

Each of the above Final Reports may be seen at:

<https://www.tuolumne.courts.ca.gov/general-information/grand-jury>