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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County celebrates Juror Appreciation Week

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For over twenty years, California has designated the second full week in May as [Juror Appreciation Week](#). It is a time to observe the fundamental importance of jury service and to celebrate the many Californians who participate in the justice system as jurors, a service that forms one of the core obligations of citizenship. As we acknowledge in Alameda County, *Jurors are Justice*.

This year, Juror Appreciation Week arrives amid the historic COVID-19 health crisis. Emergency responses necessary to protect public health have included the temporary suspension of jury trials. The lack of activity in our jury rooms provides one of the most prominent examples of the unprecedented changes our courts continue to experience.

Jury trials are a cherished constitutional right. Like voting, jury service provides a unique opportunity to serve one's community, to address local issues, and to have a voice in the determination of justice in a particular case. After serving, citizens frequently report finding the experience exceptionally rewarding.

As we work toward reopening our courthouse doors and resuming jury trials in the safest manner possible, we anticipate a significant need for jurors to hear a backlog of cases created by the current health crisis. We are counting on members of the community to play their essential role in the important work ahead and are working on a comprehensive jury service plan to keep prospective jurors and jury staff safe. We will share details with the public in the near future.

During this special Juror Appreciation Week, the Court will issue via Twitter ([@AlamedaSuperior](https://twitter.com/AlamedaSuperior)) a series of tweets and links to juror-specific information that we hope will continue to inform our community. The Court extends its profound gratitude to the many jurors appearing in Alameda County courthouses and the special role they play in shaping justice in our community.

Jurors are Justice. Please serve when called.