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In-Person Jury Pools to Resume Beginning March 6, 2023

District Court Judge Ron Rangel and the Central Jury Committee have announced that in-person jury pools will resume beginning March 6, 2023. Individuals selected to serve will soon receive notices to report in person.

“The pandemic demonstrated that we, as a County, are able to come together across departments to qualify jurors remotely via Zoom. This was necessary during that critical time in our history. We have now seen a significant decrease in the COVID-19 positivity rate and a reassuring number of vaccinated individuals. It’s time to get back to the courthouse”, stated Judge Ron Rangel.

In March 2020, in-person jury pools and trials had been suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In July 2020, virtual jury pools were created to address the quickly rising backlog of cases. Since then, the backlog has been significantly reduced and we are now at pre-pandemic caseloads. With the return of in-person jurors, the courts will have access to a jury panel Monday through Thursday.

The Central Jury Bailiff reminds all that to serve as a juror you must meet certain qualifications. A qualified juror:

- Is at least 18 years of age;
- Is a citizen of Texas and a resident of Bexar County;
- Is qualified under the constitution and laws to vote in Bexar County (Note: you do not have to be registered to vote.);
- Is of sound mind and good moral character;
- Is able to read and write English;
- Has not served as a juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in the district court;
- Has not been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a felony; and
- Is not under indictment or other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or a felony.

(Ch. 480, Sec. 62.102 Government Code And Article 35.16 Code of Criminal Procedure)

Additional information on jury services including information on next steps if called for jury service may be found at www.bexar.org

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