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June 30, 2017  
Honorable John M. Gallagher  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Judge Gallagher:

The 2016–2017 Santa Cruz Civil Grand Jury is proud to present you with our Final Report. A year ago you charged me with the responsibility of bringing 19 citizens together in order to carry out our oversight duties on behalf of more than 270,000 citizens of Santa Cruz County. It was a pleasure watching them come together, bringing dedication and passion to the task of being grand jurors. I am proud to say that the work these individuals have done has humbled me. From the smallest of details to the largest of topics, they came together and executed on the vision you had for us when we were empaneled one year ago. It was an honor to lead this fine group of people who have shown me what it means to be of service to the greater good.

We thank you for all the direction and support extended to us: the tireless work of Sharon Carey-Stronck and Jason Heath in the County Counsel's office; Adam Berg in the Jury Commissioner's role; Dante Sercey in General Services; and all those in county government who provided so much assistance, insight and time.

We grand jurors have gained a deeper understanding of county operations and profound appreciation of county staff committed to making Santa Cruz a wonderful place to live.

Our hope is these reports provide transparency for all who live, work, and play in the county and that they contribute to the work of prior grand juries in building deeper relationships among us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Rocco Chappie', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the top.

Rocco Chappie, Foreperson  
2016–2017 Santa Cruz Civil Grand Jury

## 2016-2017 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury



### *Collegial and Informal*

Back row: John Rible, John U. Fry, Maureen Moncrieff, Joe Netro

Middle row: Tara Neier, Kathy Hatfield, Lauren Tobin, Davida Seliger, Toby Harness, Jeanette Roland

Front row: Speed Leas, Greg Joseph, Charlie Rous, Rocco Chappie, Pat Thorsby, Julie Knight, Linda Harrison

Absent: Susan Mason, Rita Wadsworth

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