

Travis Gibbons

I hereby submit my name as a nominee for the subject California Grand Jury Association (CGJA) position. The work of the CGJA is critical to the continued smooth operation of the California County Grand Jury system. CGJA guidance to the CGJA Chapters, legal opinions to County Grand Juries, and training for County Grand Juries and their Legal Counsels and Judges is the corner stone for that smooth operation. As a CGJA member I stand ready to provide my knowledge and experience to that cause.

I have been a member of the CGJA since 2010 while serving on four Santa Barbara County Grand Juries (2010–2015) in all administrative and committee positions. I joined CGJA as a voting member in 2016, serving as Trainer and member of the Training Committee and its Public Relations Subcommittee. I was elected as Southern Regional Director in 2017 and 2019, became the CGJA Treasurer in 2018, and am a member of the Board of Directors Executive Committee and Finance and Annual Conference Committees.

My personal goals are to fulfill the duties of the Southern Regional Director; to continue serving in the positions as stated above; and to coordinate with the appropriate CGJA officers and committees on issues identified by Regional CGJA Chapters and County Grand Juries and their advisors and presiding judges.

Lou Panetta

I am a retired member of the faculties of the College of Business at California State University, Monterey Bay, and of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, instructing MBA Candidates in international business planning, research, and market development.

Prior to my career in academia, I served as a corporate executive, having several domestic and international positions. I also served on several for-profit and nonprofit boards of directors.

My grand jury experience includes serving as Foreman Pro Tem on the 2014/2015 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury where I chaired an investigative committee. I am the current president of CGJA, a trainer for the CGJA, and serve on the Training and Technology Committees.

My desire to continue to serve on the CGJA board is simple. I believe in the Grand Jury System and its essential role in democracy. In America, we don't serve the government ... the government serves us. We have several means to ensure that arrangement continues ... the oversight of the civil grand jury is of the purest form.

The impact I would like to make on the CGJA is to improve effectiveness by focusing on increasing membership, developing a strong candidate pool for continuing good governance, and increasing civil grand jury awareness throughout the state.

I graduated from Niagara University with a B. S. Degree in Mathematics and completed the Advanced Management Program at Haas Business School, University of California, Berkeley. I live in Monterey, California with my wife Kathy.