

## TRINITY COUNTY

P.O. Box 2308
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June 14, 2010

The Honorable James P. Woodward Judge of the Trinity County Superior Court PO Box 1258 Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Judge Woodward,

I appreciate the opportunity that you gave me to serve as the Foreman of the 2009-2010 Trinity County Grand Jury. The two years I have spent on the Grand Jury have been very rewarding, informative, and interesting.

The members of this year's Grand Jury, both new members and holdovers have done an outstanding job, and it has been a pleasure to work with them. They are hardworking, but also are a lot of fun to be with. The investigations and research that they did produced very fine Final Reports. I have nothing but admiration for the people who served. I would like to make special note of the outstanding performance of our secretary, Jane Draper. Jane persisted through all the trying times, and was very instrumental in the success of this Grand Jury.

On behalf of all of the members of the 2009-2010 Grand Jury, I want to wish you our heartfelt appreciation for all you do to enable and support our Grand Jury. Your knowledge and enthusiasm in your orientation presentation of the history of the Grand Jury system is both inspiring and enlightening, and makes us all appreciate more the importance of our duties.

I feel that this year's Grand Jury has followed the precepts you described very well. We have followed up and reported on prior investigations; initiated new subjects for investigation, such as the marijuana industry in the County; and have investigated numerous departments and agencies in the County. A few of our Final Reports have suggested potential money saving ideas for the County.

During the last two years I have observed and worked with many of the County leaders and have come to realize that our County is in good hands with the caliber of people who are our Board of Supervisors, CAO, and Department Heads.

Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Ward

Foreman, 2009-2010 Trinity County Grand Jury