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SBSC HOSTS FIRST REMOTE GRAND JURY CEREMONY

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— On December 18, 2020, San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) hosted its first remote San Bernardino County Grand Jury Ceremony due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Each year, SBSC hosts an annual event where it accepts the Grand Jury's Final Report, dismisses the current Grand Jurors from their service and selects the incoming Grand Jury panel.

Early this year, SBSC ordered the Grand Jury's term to be extended by six months in order to complete their Final Report due to the impacts related to COVID-19. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors also approved to move the Grand Jury's term from fiscal year to calendar year, pursuant to California Penal Code 905.5(b) on June 2, 2020.

During the ceremony, Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs accepted the Grand Jury's Final Report and commended them for their service during these challenging times. Closing remarks and final words of gratitude were provided by San Bernardino County, District Attorney Jason Anderson; San Bernardino County, County Counsel Michelle Blakemore; and San Bernardino County, District Attorney & Grand Jury Legal Advisor Michael Dauber.

Court Executive Officer Nancy CS Eberhardt named 19 new panel members joining the 2021 Grand Jury whose term commences on January 1, 2021.

"The San Bernardino County Grand Jury plays an invaluable role for our society and we commend them for their dedication, especially during this challenging year," said Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs.

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