



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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The Honorable Andrew S. Blum  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California  
County of Lake  
255 Forbes Street  
Lakeport, CA. 95453

### **RE: Grand Jury Response Extension Request**

Dear Judge Blum,

Lake County is once again under a declared State of Emergency, due to the effects of the Ranch and River Fires, which have already consumed thousands of acres and inflicted significant property damage. County resources are stretched in a variety of directions, as a consequence, and numerous significant priorities will be delayed.

Many County offices and your Court's Lakeport Branch remained closed the week of June 30, due to Mandatory Evacuations. Your closure was enacted pursuant to Government Code Section 68115, which provides for a Judicial Holiday in the event of a public calamity.

The closure of County offices has likewise hindered County staff's ability to gather information related to our departmental and Board of Supervisors Civil Grand Jury Report Responses. Additional disaster response and recovery responsibilities will further challenge our ability to prioritize these important responses over the coming weeks.

As you are aware, the current deadlines for the County's Grand Jury Responses are as follows:  
Sunday, August 19, for elected department heads (60 days following June 20, 2018)  
Tuesday, September 18 for the Board's response (90 days)

We want to provide well considered, appropriate responses. In the interest of productively furthering the public discourse on the issues raised by the Grand Jury, and in light of the significant and ongoing circumstances, we request that you consider extending our response deadlines by one week, pursuant to Government Code Section 68115, and the "Computation of Time" principals outlined in Sections 12, 12a and 12b of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request, and please indicate in your response your determined final deadlines for both elected department heads and the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

  
Carol J. Huchingson  
County Administrative Officer

Cc: Lake County Civil Grand Jury, Grand.Jury@lakecountyca.gov