

MADERA COUNTY GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE



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DISTRICT _____

This questionnaire concerns your ability to serve as a GRAND JUROR (*not a trial juror*) on the Madera County Grand Jury. Persons selected will serve for a period of ONE FISCAL YEAR.

TIME COMMITMENT: Grand Jurors are expected to spend approximately **20-25 hours** of service per week, depending on the duties demanded by the committee they are assigned to during their year of service. Temporary absence for normal periods of vacation is permissible, but excessively prolonged or repeated absences would interfere with the functioning of the Grand Jury. Enclosed is a brief description of duties for the 19 members selected as Grand Jurors.

*You are requested to COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS, SIGN, and DATE,
& return this questionnaire.*

1. Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

First
Middle
Last
2. Address (Res.): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Address (Bus.): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Residence Phone: (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____ Ext. _____
 Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____
 Email Address: _____
3. Occupation: _____ Full-time work Part-time work Retired
 Employer: _____
 If retired, previous occupation: _____
4. A grand juror typically commits **20 to 25 hours** of service per week to the grand jury.
 Can you commit the amount of time required to serve as a juror? No Yes
 Briefly explain your answer: _____
5. If you are employed, does your employer understand the nature of the duties of a Grand Juror and will he/she release you to full-time Grand Jury service for the entire period that the jury shall be in session? No Yes

If you are currently employed, a written release verification from your employer MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION. EMPLOYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY WAGES TO CITIZENS SERVING ON THE CIVIL GRAND JURY.

6. Do you have any physical or mental conditions which would interfere with your ability to function as a grand juror?
 No Yes If yes, explain briefly: _____
What accommodations would the Court need to provide to accommodate your physical or mental impairment?

7. Education (Check the highest grade completed)
 6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Name of schools attended and degrees or certification attained: _____

8. STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate boxes)

- No Yes Are you a citizen of the United States?
- No Yes Are you eighteen years of age or older?
- No Yes Have you been a resident of Madera County for at least one year prior to the date of this application?
- No Yes Are you in possession of your natural faculties? Are you of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character?
- No Yes Do you possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language?

9. STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate boxes)

- No Yes Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County _____
- No Yes Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this State within one year prior to the date of this application?
- No Yes Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime?
Were your Civil Rights restored? No Yes
If so, when were your Civil Rights restored? _____
In what Court were the rights restored? _____
- No Yes Are you currently serving as an elected public official?

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (Place a check in the appropriate boxes)

CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT adopts Rule 10.625, certain demographic data relating to regular grand jurors.

Age Range: 18-25 26-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75 and over

Ethnic Origin:

- African American Asian Hispanic Caucasian
- Native American Filipino Pacific Islander Other (Please Identify): _____

INTEREST LEVEL: (Place a check in the appropriate box)

- I am interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury, and I understand the time commitment required.
- I am unable to serve on the Grand Jury.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO ASSIST THE JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN COMPLETING A LIST OF NOMINEES WHICH FAIRLY REPRESENTS A CROSS-SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY. SOME QUESTIONS MAY APPEAR PERSONAL TO YOU; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE JUDGES THAT THE GROUP THEY NOMINATE, FROM EACH DISTRICT REPRESENTS VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

Date: _____ Signature _____

If you answered **NO** to any questions on # 8, or **YES** to any questions on # 9, please do not answer questions 10 through 20. and return the questionnaire to the Jury Office by mail, fax, or email.

10. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong?

11. Spouse's Name: _____
Spouse's Occupation: _____
Spouse's Employer: _____
If retired, list previous occupation spouse retired from: _____

12. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed or elected public officer of any public agency? No Yes
If yes, briefly explain: _____

13. Are you currently involved in any litigation (lawsuits) in the county? No Yes

14. Are you, or any of your immediate family members, employed by the City of Madera, the City of Chowchilla, the County of Madera, any school district within the county, or any special district? No Yes

15. Do you have any significant problems reading or understanding the English language? No Yes

16. How do you describe your computer skills? (Microsoft Word & email) Basic Proficient Advanced

17. Do you have access to the internet and email from home? No Yes

18. Do you have the ability to utilize a video conferencing platform, such as Zoom or WebEx, if needed? No Yes

19. Do you have any suggestions, comments or other matters you would like to bring to the judge's attention in connection with your application?

20. Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury.

21. Describe any background experience or skills you have which would be helpful to grand jury service (i.e., computer skills leadership skills, or experience writing/editing reports, working in groups, or conducting investigations or interviews).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

The Penal Code mandates specific qualifications for membership on the grand jury. Other factors that prior grand jurors felt were important are:

- Open-mindedness
- A willingness to participate in and conform to group decisions
- Industry, initiative, and energy
- The ability to clearly communicate findings to others in both oral and written form
- A general knowledge of government and how it operates

HELPFUL NOTE: If selected as a Grand Juror, you will spend much time together with your fellow Grand Jurors. To be effective as a Grand Jury member, you must be willing to listen to and seriously consider the opinions of others. If you believe you are always right, and are therefore never wrong, Grand Jury service is not for you. Also, confidentiality is required of all Grand Jury members. If you cannot keep a secret, Grand Jury service is not for you.

See the California Grand Jury Association's site for more information: <http://www.cgja.org/general-information>