

2012-13 Sacramento County Grand Jury Demographic Summary Report

The Sacramento County Grand Jury is a body of 19 individuals drawn from a pool of Sacramento County citizens who have volunteered and have been selected at random. As the population of Sacramento County grows, the demographic composition continues to change. Accordingly, outreach efforts continue to elicit eligible, qualified and competent individuals from a cross-section of the population in order to compose a diverse and representative grand jury pool. The summary represents the July 1, 2012 prospective regular grand juror pool.

On January 1, 2007, the Judicial Council of California issued Rule 10.625 of the Standards of Judicial Administration to summarize the courts' continuing efforts to achieve the goals stated in Rule 10.50, which encourages courts to employ various methods of soliciting prospective candidates to serve on regular grand juries that reflect a representative cross-section of the community they serve. Since 2000, the Jury Commissioner annually sends a questionnaire to a randomized merged pool of 5,000 names drawn from the Department of Motor Vehicles licensed drivers and Sacramento County registered voters.

For the 2012-2013 grand jury, 109 prospective grand jurors from the random jury pool volunteered and of these, 22 were forwarded for consideration by superior court judges, 31 applied via community outreach and the Internet, two were nominated by superior court judges, and five were jurors who served in the prior grand jury term.

Rule 10.625 requires the jury commissioner to collect the following demographic data from prospective grand jurors, maintain this information in a database, and make available to the public an annual summary of prospective and selected grand jurors:

- 1) Age;
- 2) Occupation;
- 3) Gender;
- 4) Race/ethnicity;
- 5) Years served on the grand jury;
- 6) Carry-over grand jurors (those grand jurors who served in the previous year);
and,
- 7) How the juror initially became a candidate (random draw, application, or nomination by a judge).

The attached summary satisfies this reporting requirement. Please contact the Sacramento County Grand Jury Coordinator at (916) 874-7559 if you have any questions concerning this summary.

