

## **2013-14 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, 2013 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.

Once prospective grand jurors are identified, all undergo a briefing to learn more about grand jury service. Each prospective juror participates in an interview conducted by the Sacramento Grand Jurors Association, and a background check is completed. Interviewed candidates applications and interview results are submitted to the bench for further consideration.

For the 2013-2014 grand jury, 24 prospective grand jurors volunteered from the random jury pool and 45 applied via community outreach and the Internet. Of these, the superior court judges selected 39 for final consideration. Three jurors who served in the prior grand jury term were also considered for continued grand jury service.

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) 874-7578 if you have any questions concerning this summary.



