

How The Grand Jury Is Organized

The Foreperson is appointed by the Court at the impanelment; the Foreperson facilitates the activities of the Jury. Each Grand Jury decides its own meeting schedule. It meets as a full body and in committees, where the bulk of the work occurs. Each juror is asked to be on three committees, and meetings usually occur several times a week. In addition, jurors meet with county and city officials, visit county detention facilities, and conduct independent reviews on matters of interest or concern. Each committee reports to the full Grand Jury. Conclusions are reached after study and discussion of the issues and may appear as part of the Grand Jury's final report.

Grand Jury service is a volunteer position with modest monthly compensation for meetings and round trip mileage. What it doesn't offer in pay, it offers in a wealth of experience and service to the members of your community.

The Benefits of Being A Grand Juror

The benefits of being a grand juror are many and individual. There is the satisfaction and pride of doing an important job; there is the experience of being a member of a respected panel, which has the unique authority to see local government workings not available to the regular citizen. Also, it provides an opportunity to make a difference in your community.

Citizen Complaints

The Grand Jury receives complaints regarding all levels of local government from allegations of misconduct by public officials or employees to inefficiencies in local government. Any citizen may submit a complaint by either completing a Grand Jury Complaint Form or by writing a letter to the Grand Jury. Complaints are treated as confidential.

As a regular practice, the Grand Jury provides to the complainant written acknowledgement of receipt of a complaint.

How To File a Complaint

The Sacramento County Grand Jury Complaint Form can be obtained in a variety of ways:

- Via the Internet at www.sacgrandjury.org
- Going to Room 611 of the Sacramento Superior Court at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, or
- By calling (916) 874-7559 and leaving your name and address for a form to be mailed to you.



Superior Court of California County of Sacramento



Sacramento County Grand Jury

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About The Grand Jury

The Grand Jury is comprised of 19 members of the community. It is impaneled annually and its term of service is one year. The Grand Jury has a separate and different function than that of a jury and does not hear cases in a courtroom. Instead, jurors review and investigate local governmental activities within Sacramento County. The Grand Jury examines county and city governments, schools and special districts to ensure that its duties are lawfully being carried out.

The Grand Jury is authorized by law to:

- Inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within the county.
- Investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of county officers, departments and their functions.
- Inquire into allegations of willful or corrupt misconduct of public officials.
- Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

To be considered for nomination, you must meet the following legal requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a resident of Sacramento County for at least one year immediately prior to the beginning of your service.
- Possess intelligence, sound judgment, and good character.
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language to communicate both orally and in writing.

Desirable Attributes

- Good health
- Open-mindedness
- Knowledge of and interest in local government and community affairs
- Skill in working productively with others in a group setting where respect and patience are essential
- Skill and experience in fact finding, investigative techniques, and report writing

You CANNOT BE considered for selection if any of the following is true:

- You are serving as a trial juror in any court in the State of California.

- You have served as a Grand Juror in any California court within the previous year.
- You have been convicted of malfeasance in office, or any other high crime.
- You are serving as an elected public officer.

Solicitation/Selection Process

Early each January, questionnaires are mailed randomly throughout the County from information retrieved from the Department of Motor Vehicles and Voter Registration and Elections. Positive responses from people who meet the legal requirements constitute a selection pool from which the Superior Court Judges may nominate. The pool may also include other interested individuals for consideration. All candidates go through a background check. By June, a random drawing of nominated candidates is held in open court and a new Grand Jury is impaneled to begin its year of service on July 1.

To Apply To Be Considered As A Grand Juror Call (916) 874-7559

