

TO JOIN US YOU MUST BE

- *18 or older, a United States citizen, and a resident of Sacramento County for at least one year prior to service*
- *Interested in investigating the performance of local government agencies*
- *Enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with others and recommend solutions to improve governance and services*
- *A good listener with patience who has skill and experience in fact finding, investigative techniques, and report writing*
- *Ready to invest 20 to 30 hours a week, Monday through Friday*
- *Able to communicate in English, both orally and in writing.*
- *Computer literate*
- *Willing to ensure your work remains absolutely confidential*



**YOU CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**VOLUNTEERING FOR THE
SACRAMENTO COUNTY
GRAND JURY**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- *Improve the quality of life in Sacramento County*
- *Monitor the performance of county, city, special districts, and other governing entities*
- *Verify that tax dollars are spent wisely*
- *Recommend ways to enhance operations and services*
- *Tour and observe detention facilities, the Sacramento County Crime Lab, and the Coroner's Office*
- *Gain experience as part of a respected panel, with the unique authority to see local government workings not available to most people*

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APPLY NOW

Serving on the Sacramento County Grand Jury is the experience of a lifetime. Applications may be downloaded: www.SacGrandJury.org



WHO WE ARE

The Civil Grand Jury is Sacramento County's independent watchdog over government agencies and services. It is comprised of 19 citizen volunteers from all walks of life across our region. The Grand Jury has a separate and different function from that of a jury. Unlike cases presented in a courtroom, Grand Jurors review and investigate the performance of county, city, and local governing entities, including special districts. Ultimately, it is the **responsibility** of the Grand Jury to recommend changes for improving local government.



To view reports issued by the Grand Jury since 2000, visit the Grand Jury's website: www.SacGrandJury.org

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted through the Grand Jury website year-round. Additionally, public announcements are made in January regarding an expanded recruitment for potential members of the Grand Jury. An orientation, which is open to the public, will be offered. Applicants for the Grand Jury are interviewed by volunteers from the California Grand Jury Association, and qualified applicants are referred to the Sacramento Superior Court. Finalists are recommended, and the Grand Jury is selected randomly through a drawing.

Jurors serve for a one-year term beginning on July 1. After being sworn in, Sacramento County Civil Grand Jurors are provided with comprehensive training on Grand Jury responsibilities, local governments, and investigation and report-writing techniques. The presiding judge of the Superior Court appoints a foreperson. The Grand Jury investigates local government agencies, elected officials, and departments as it deems necessary.

WHAT WE DO

1 Each Grand Jury member serves on three Committees ranging from Health and Human Services to Education, Criminal Justice, Administration, and Environmental Protection. Meetings may occur several times each week.

In addition, jurors meet with county and city officials, visit a variety of facilities, and conduct independent reviews on matters of interest or concern.

2 Investigations can be initiated by the Grand Jury itself or suggested by citizens. The Grand Jury may respond to complaints of alleged mistreatment by officials and suspicion of misconduct. All investigatory work of the Grand Jury is confidential.

3 Responses to reports are required from the elected officials and investigated agencies within 60 to 90 days.