JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CRIMINAL CASES

Form JURY-002 (Optional Form)

Code of Civil Procedure Section 205(c)–(d)

Sec. 1. Statutory Authority

This Juror Questionnaire has been drafted under the authority of Code of Civil Procedure section 205(c)-(d) and is intended to expedite jury selection. It is not intended to alter statutes or rules governing the authority of the court or the role of counsel during voir dire.

Sec. 2. Use Notes for Courts

A. General

This Juror Questionnaire is an **optional form** and is **NOT** intended to constitute the complete examination of prospective jurors. **The utility and appropriateness of this questionnaire to a particular case is at the discretion of the judge.** Particular kinds of cases may require that this questionnaire be altered or augmented with the participation of counsel.

B. Pre-Voir Dire Conference

Rule of Court 4.200 requires that the court confer with counsel about voir dire before a jury panel is called. At this conference, the court may establish (1) guidelines for the use of the Juror Questionnaire, (2) any supplemental questions to be propounded to the panel by questionnaire, (3) the extent of the court's oral inquiry of the panel, and (4) the extent of oral questioning by counsel. Arrangements for duplication of completed questionnaires should be confirmed.

C. Introduction of Questionnaire to Prospective Jurors

It is suggested that the Juror Questionnaire be used after the court has given its customary introductory remarks and any additional instructions that the court deems appropriate. The court also may wish to tell the panel members that a questionnaire will be used, to encourage complete answers, and to remind them that their answers will be given under penalty of perjury. In introducing the questionnaire, the court should instruct prospective jurors how to proceed if they have difficulty reading or filling out the form.

It is not recommended that the court direct the jury commissioner to give the Juror Questionnaire to prospective jurors in the jury assembly room. This procedure ordinarily will mean that jurors are not given complete instructions about the type of case they will hear or the identity of participants and witnesses. In addition, jurors who fill out the form before appearing in the trial court may not clearly understand that their answers are given under penalty of perjury. For these reasons, and to avoid the need to have jurors fill out supplemental questionnaires once they have been sent to the trial court, it is strongly recommended that the Juror Questionnaire be used in the trial court setting.

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CRIMINAL CASES Introduction and Instructions

Thank you for coming to court as a potential juror. Before the case can start, a jury must be selected. The judge and the parties need to know information about you and people you know in order to select jurors who can be fair to both sides.

Everyone has attitudes and opinions that are shaped by their life experiences. Sometimes these experiences can make it difficult to look at a certain issue in an unbiased and unemotional way. As a juror, you must return a verdict based on the law and on the facts proved in court. The judge will give you instructions on the law and on how you should go about deciding the case. You must listen to and follow the judge's instructions.

The questions on this form are designed to help the court and the lawyers learn something about your background and your views on issues that may be related to this case. The questions are asked not to invade your privacy, but to make sure that you can be a fair and impartial juror.

In portions of this form, you will see the term "person with whom you share a significant personal relationship." That term means a former spouse, domestic partner, life partner, or anyone with whom you have an influential or intimate relationship that you would characterize as important.

As you answer the questions that follow, please keep in mind that there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The only right answer is one that reflects how you honestly feel. Please make sure your answers are as complete as possible. Complete answers are far more helpful and may help shorten the time it takes to select a jury. If you have trouble reading, understanding, or filling out this form, please let the court staff know. If a question does not apply to you please write in "N/A" for "not applicable" rather than leave the question blank.

The information you provide will become part of the court record in this case and will be a public document that is accessible to anyone. Some of the questions may require information that is personal and sensitive to you, and you may be reluctant to talk about this information with the other prospective jurors and the public present. If this is so, write "private" next to the question and the court **may** then give you an opportunity to share your information on the record with only the judge, counsel, the defendant, and the court reporter present. The answers you provide will, under most circumstances, be included as part of the public record but you may not have to share the information in open court.

PLEASE PUT THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR JUROR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOUND ON YOUR JUROR BADGE ON THE TOP OF EACH PAGE.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. YOUR ANSWERS MUST BE TRUE AND COMPLETE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN SELECTING A FAIR JURY.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL ANSWERS LEGIBLY

1.2 THIS (THESE) CRIME(S) ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE (SPECIFY LOCATION OF CRIME(S)):

DO YOU RESIDE IN THE VICINITY OF THIS LOCATION OR DO YOU FREQUENT THIS LOCATION?

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

1.3 DESCRIBE ANY DIFFICULTIES (VISION, HEARING, OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS) THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR JURY SERVICE:

1.4 IF YOU HAVE ANY ETHICAL, RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL, OR OTHER BELIEFS THAT MAY PREVENT YOU FROM SERVING AS A JUROR, EXPLAIN:

1.5 WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION YOU COMPLETED?

GRADE SCHOOL OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	(MAJOR):
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	COLLEGE GRADUATE
OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN):	(MAJOR):
	POSTGRADUATE STUDY
	(MAJOR):
	TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL
	(MAJOR):

1.6 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL, DESCRIBE:

1.7 IF YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, ANY PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RELATIVE HAVE TAKEN ANY COURSES OR HAD ANY TRAINING IN LAW OR A RELATED SUBJECT, DESCRIBE:

	EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF A	ANY OTHER ADULT WHO LIVE	ES IN YOUR HOME, INCLUDING ANY DEGREES OR
	YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT ST	ATUS (CHECK ALL THAT APP	LY):
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.9	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME	RETIRED	UNEMPLOYED, LOOKING FOR WORK
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1.11 NAME OF YOUR CURRENT OR MOS	T RECENT EMPLOYER OR,	F A STUDENT, YOUR SCHOO	L:	
1.12 WHAT ARE YOUR SPECIFIC JOB DU	JTIES AND RESPONSIBILITI	ES?		
1.13 DOES YOUR JOB INVOLVE SUPERV	ISING OTHER PEOPLE?		YES	
IF YES, APPROXIMATELY HOW MAN				
1.14 ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE HIRING	OR FIRING OF OTHER EMP	LOYEES?	YES	
1.15 ARE YOU INVOLVED IN EVALUATIN	G THE JOB PERFORMANCE	OF OTHER EMPLOYEES?	YES	
1.17 THE PRESENT EMPLOYMENT STAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP (CHECK				
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1.18 THE CURRENT OR MOST RECENT C SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATION			VHOM YOU H	AVE A
1.19 THE NAME OF THE CURRENT OR M YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PERSON				WITH WHO I

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RELATIVE	ARE CURREN		ER WORKED IN LAW ENFO	SONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RCEMENT, PLEASE LIST THE AGENC
22 IF YOU HA SEX	AGE	, PLEASE LIST (INCLUDING DOES CHILD LIVE WITH YOU?	ANY CHILDREN WHO DO NO	OT CURRENTLY LIVE WITH YOU): OCCUPATION
			YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT THE BRANCH OF SERVICE	PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HAS EVER AND DATES OF SERVICE:
			YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT E MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTE	PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP EVER HAI M, PLEASE DESCRIBE:
 25 SOCIAL, C	IVIC, PROFESS	SIONAL, TRADE, OR OTHER	ORGANIZATIONS WITH WH	ICH YOU ARE AFFILIATED:

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6 DESCRIBE ANY OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD IN ORGANIZATIONS LISTED	D ABOVE:	
7 DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ON THIS JURY PANEL?	YES	
8 IF YOU PERSONALLY KNOW ANY JUDGES OR ATTORNEYS OR COUR RELATIONSHIPS TO YOU?	T PERSONNEL, WHAT ARE THEIR NAMI	ES AND
9 HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL TRIAL JU	RY? YES	
ON HOW MANY CASES DID YOU SERVE?		
APPROXIMATE YEAR(S)?		
WHERE DID YOU SERVE ON A JURY?		
WERE YOU A JUROR OR AN ALTERNATE?		
WHAT KINDS OF CASES DID YOU HEAR WHILE SERVING ON A JURY?		
WAS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR JURY SERVICE THAT WOULD M AND IMPARTIAL IN THIS CASE? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	IAKE YOU QUESTION YOUR ABILITY TO	BE FAIR
0 HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A GRAND JURY PANEL?	YES	
WHERE DID YOU SERVE ON A GRAND JURY?		
HOW LONG DID YOU SERVE ON A GRAND JURY?		
WHAT KIND OF MATTER DID YOU HEAR WHILE SERVING ON A GRAND	JURY?	

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I.31 HAVE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, ANY PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RELATIVE EVER BEEN A VICTIM OF A CRIME?	YES	NO
IF YES, WHO?		
WHAT CRIME(S)?		
WHEN?		
WHAT HAPPENED?		
WAS ANYONE ARRESTED?	YES	NO
WAS THERE A TRIAL?	YES	NO
IF YES, DID YOU ATTEND THE TRIAL?	YES	NO
DID THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION TESTIFY?	YES	NO
DID THE POLICE INTERVIEW THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION?	YES	
DID ANYONE WORKING FOR THE DEFENDANT INTERVIEW THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION?	YES	
AS A RESULT OF THAT EXPERIENCE IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE YOU QUE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL IN THIS CASE? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	STION YOUR ABIL	LITY TO BE
1.32 HAVE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, ANY PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RELATIVE EVER BEEN A WITNESS TO A CRIME?	YES	NO
IF YES, WHO?		
WHAT CRIME(S)?		
WHEN?		
WHAT HAPPENED?		
WAS ANYONE ARRESTED?	YES	NO
WAS THERE A TRIAL?	YES	
IF YES, DID YOU ATTEND THE TRIAL?	YES	NO
DID THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION TESTIFY?	YES	NO

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DID THE POLICE INTERVIEW THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION?	YES	1
DID ANYONE WORKING FOR THE DEFENDANT INTERVIEW THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION?	YES	
AS A RESULT OF THAT EXPERIENCE IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE YOU QI FAIR AND IMPARTIAL IN THIS CASE? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	UESTION YOUR ABIL	ITY TO BE
HAVE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, ANY PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RELATIVE EVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BEING: (A) STOPPED BY THE POLICE? (B) ACCUSED OF MISCONDUCT, WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A CRIME? (C) INVESTIGATED AS A SUSPECT IN A CRIMINAL CASE? (D) CHARGED WITH A CRIME? (E) A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT? IF YES, WHO? 	The main and the m	
WAS ANYONE ARRESTED?	YES	
WAS ANYONE ARRESTED? WAS THERE A TRIAL?	YES YES	
WAS THERE A TRIAL?	YES	
WAS THERE A TRIAL? IF YES, DID YOU ATTEND THE TRIAL?	YES YES	
WAS THERE A TRIAL? IF YES, DID YOU ATTEND THE TRIAL? DID THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS QUESTION TESTIFY?	YES YES	

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1.34 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO COURT FOR ANY OTHER REASON? EXPLAIN:

1.35 THE FOLLOWING IS A PRINCIPLE OF LAW THAT APPLIES TO ALL CRIMINAL CASES:

A defendant in a criminal action is presumed to be innocent. This presumption requires that the People prove each element of a crime [and special allegation] beyond a reasonable doubt. Whenever the judge tells you the People must prove something, the judge means they must prove it beyond a reasonable doubt [unless the judge specifically tells you otherwise].

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you with an abiding conviction that the charge is true. The evidence need not eliminate all possible doubt because everything in life is open to some possible or imaginary doubt.

In deciding whether the People have proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt, you must impartially compare and consider all the evidence that was received throughout the entire trial. Unless the evidence proves the defendant[s] guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, (he/she/they) (is/are) entitled to an acquittal and you must find (him/her/they) not guilty. (CALCRIM No. 130)

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PRINCIPLE OF LAW?	YES	NO
DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS PRINCIPLE OF LAW?	YES	NO
WILL YOU FOLLOW THIS PRINCIPLE OF LAW?	YES	NO

IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO ANY QUESTION, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

1.36 IN GENERAL, WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS, IF ANY, ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS?

1.37 HAVE YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, ANY PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAV PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A RELATIVE EVER HAD A PARTI OR UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?	ICULARLY PLEASANT	NO
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:		
1.38 WOULD THE FACT THAT A WITNESS IS A MEMBER OF LAW ENF YOU TO AUTOMATICALLY BELIEVE OR DISBELIEVE HIS OR HER		NO
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:		

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By asking the following questions regarding your feelings or opinions about capital punishment, the court is not suggesting in any way that you will ever need to decide this question. The court does not know in advance what the evidence in this case will be or whether you will find a defendant guilty or not guilty of any charge at all. The court is asking the following questions because *if* a defendant is found guilty of murder in the first degree as well as what we call "special circumstances" that have been charged, the possible sentences to be decided in a separate penalty trial are the sentence of death or the sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. A defendant may also be acquitted or found guilty of lesser charges, which means there never will be a penalty trial. Since we do not know in advance what your decisions may be, the court must know whether you could be fair to all sides on the issue of punishment if and only if a penalty trial is necessary.

To clarify, you will only make a sentence decision between life without the possibility of parole and death in a separate penalty trial if you find a defendant guilty of murder in the first degree beyond a reasonable doubt and you find a "special circumstance" (to be defined for you later) true.

If the penalty trial is necessary you will first hear evidence and arguments from counsel. The law also provides very specific guidelines as to what a jury can consider in deciding the sentence in this separate penalty trial. These guidelines are called "aggravating factors" and "mitigating factors" and are explained in *Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions* number 763:*

In reaching your decision, you must consider and weigh the aggravating and mitigating circumstances or factors shown by the evidence.

An aggravating circumstance or factor is any fact, condition, or event relating to the commission of a crime, above and beyond the elements of the crime itself, that increases the wrongfulness of the defendant's conduct, the enormity of the offense, or the harmful impact of the crime. An aggravating circumstance may support a decision to impose the death penalty.

A mitigating circumstance or factor is any fact, condition, or event that makes the death penalty less appropriate as a punishment, even though it does not legally justify or excuse the crime. A mitigating circumstance is something that reduces the defendant's blameworthiness or otherwise supports a less severe punishment. A mitigating circumstance may support a decision not to impose the death penalty. * Note to users: *California Jury Instructions, Criminal (CALJIC)* and *Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM)* are not intended to be used together. While the legal principles are obviously the same, the organization of concepts is approached differently. Trying to mix the two sets of instructions into a unified whole may result in omissions or confusion that could compromise clarity and accuracy.

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2.1	WHICH DO YOU THINK IS THE MORE	SEVERE PUNISHMENT?	
	THE DEATH PENALTY OR WHY?	LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE	
2.2	STRONGLY IN FAVOR	LY STATES YOUR GENERAL BELIEF REGARDING THE DEATH	PENALIY?
			NEUTRAL
	MODERATELY IN FAVOR	MODERATELY OPPOSED	
2.3	WHICH WOULD YOU SAY ACCURATE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?	ELY STATES YOUR GENERAL BELIEF REGARDING LIFE WITHOU	JT THE
	STRONGLY IN FAVOR	STRONGLY OPPOSED	NEUTRAL
	MODERATELY IN FAVOR	MODERATELY OPPOSED	
	PLEASE EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL YO POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE:	OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE SENTENCE OF LIFE IN PRISON WITH	IOUT THE
2.4	WHAT PURPOSES, IF ANY, DO YOU B SERVES?	ELIEVE THAT LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY	OF PAROLE

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2.5	WHAT PURPOSES, IF ANY, DO YOU	U BELIEVE THE DEATH PENALTY SERVES?		
2.6	DO YOU BELIEVE THE DEATH PEN	IALTY IS IMPOSED:		
-	TOO OFTEN	ENOUGH	_	
	NOT ENOUGH	RANDOMLY		O NOT KNOW
2.7	HAVE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE DE EITHER INTENSITY OR NATURE IN	EATH PENALTY CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY THE LAST FEW YEARS?	IN	NO
	IF YES, HOW HAVE YOUR VIEWS A	ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY CHANGED?		
2.8		NS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE DEATH PENA ASE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE AND THE LAV		NO
	IF NO, WHY NOT?			
2.9	IN YOUR DETERMINATION OF WHE	R PERSONAL BELIEFS THAT MAY INFLUENCE ETHER TO VOTE TO IMPOSE EITHER THE PEN HOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?		NO
	IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:			

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JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CRIMINAL CASES Verification

I, ______, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING RESPONSES I HAVE GIVEN ON THIS JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE, AND ON ANY ATTACHED SHEETS, ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Date:

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