

**Sample Questionnaire / Application Form  
for Regular (Civil) Grand Jurors  
(To be printed on court letterhead)**

**Jury Managers and Commissioners:** This is a sample questionnaire (or application) that courts may use to recruit regular (civil) grand jurors. It contains questions that can be included in the court's existing grand jury questionnaire, or it can replace the court's questionnaire. In addition to this sample questionnaire, the court should provide background information concerning the regular grand jury, either online or by hard copy. Please see the accompanying tip sheet, which is intended to provide helpful information concerning the appropriate content of the questionnaires.

Some courts interview prospective jurors in addition to reviewing the completed questionnaires. Those courts should consider whether some information is more appropriately obtained during the interview process rather than as a response to questions on the questionnaire.

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Your responses to the following questions will assist the court in determining your eligibility and qualifications to serve on the \_\_\_\_\_ County grand jury.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Former names used, if any: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Residence address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please answer the following questions, which will determine your eligibility under Penal Code section 893 to serve as a grand juror:	Yes	No
a. Are you a United States citizen?		
b. Do you read and understand English?		
c. Are you currently an elected or appointed public official or county employee?		

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<p>d. Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance<sup>1</sup> or a felony?          If yes, state the nature, date, and place of the offense below.          Nature of the offense: _____          Year: _____ County: _____ State: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Your supervisorial district (if you know it): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Current occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former occupation, if you are retired or unemployed: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How long have you been a resident of this county? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

8. Have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or removed from any public office or profession?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you or is any adult member of your immediate household related to, an employee of, or a volunteer for any elected or appointed public official in your county?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain the relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you ever served on a civil or criminal grand jury in any county in California?  Yes  No

If yes, when did you complete your service? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you plan to be absent from the county for more than two weeks from July 1, \_\_\_\_\_, to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_ [*Court to insert appropriate years*]?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the following:

Period of time: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated return date: \_\_\_\_\_

12. If selected as a grand juror, Penal Code section 911 requires you to take the following oath or affirmation. Are you willing to take the following oath or affirmation?

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<sup>1</sup> "Malfeasance" means misconduct or wrongdoing by a public official in office.

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“I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of California, and all laws made pursuant to and in conformity therewith, will diligently inquire into, and true presentment make, of all public offenses against the people of this state, committed or triable within this county, of which the grand jury shall have or can obtain legal evidence. Further, I will not disclose any evidence brought before the grand jury, nor anything which I or any other grand juror may say, nor the manner in which I or any other grand juror may have voted on any matter before the grand jury. I will keep the charge that will be given to me by the court.”

Yes       No

13. If employed, I have advised my employer that I am applying for selection as a Civil Grand Juror. I have verified that he/she will permit my participation as a full-time member for the entire one-year period that the jury shall be in session. *Participation on the Civil Grand Jury is strictly voluntary. Your employer is not obligated to provide you with the time or pay your salary to participate as a member of the Civil Grand Jury.*

Yes       No

14. If you have a disability that would require a reasonable accommodation so that you can participate as a grand juror, please describe the nature of the accommodation that you would need:

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15. Are you willing to investigate and report on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county or any incorporated city or joint powers agency located in the county?

Yes       No

16. Why do you want to serve as a grand juror, and what do you hope to contribute as a member?

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*(Please attach additional pages, if needed, to respond to this question)*

17. Would you be willing to serve as foreperson of the grand jury?

Yes       No

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I understand that a criminal background check will be conducted, and I affirm that the information provided in this questionnaire is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, California  
(Date) (City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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**The following information is optional.**

18. Please help the court evaluate its grand jury recruitment program by indicating all of the sources from which you learned about service on the \_\_\_\_\_ County Grand Jury:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper (which one?) _____               | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith organization/leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/radio (which one?) _____                | <input type="checkbox"/> Received in mail          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/civic/philanthropic organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Public gathering          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Referred by: _____<br>(Name and position)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Web site / flyer    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |  |

19. Please provide the following information about yourself. This information is requested for statistical purposes only:

- a. Sex and Gender: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Race/Ethnicity: Mark one or more of the following race and ethnicity categories.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Alaska Native           | <input type="checkbox"/> White  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other race or ethnicity<br>(please state): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black / African American                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |   |
- c. Age range:     18–24       25–34       35–44       45–54  
                     55–64       65–74       75 or over

**RETURN APPLICATION BY [Insert return date] \_\_\_\_\_ TO:**

**[Insert jury manager/commissioner's name and court mailing address]**