

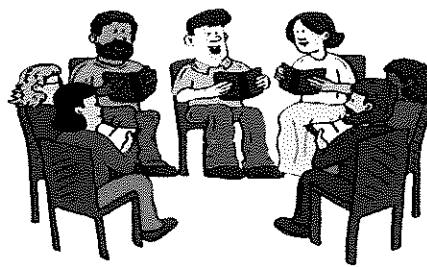
LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Los Angeles County Superior Court is currently seeking qualified citizens who are interested in applying for the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS:

- Investigates county, city and joint-power agencies
- Acts as “watch dog” by examining carefully and completely the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County.

WILLING TO VOLUNTEER 30-40 HOURS OR 4-5 DAYS PER WEEK AND EARN \$60.00 FOR EACH FULL DAY OF SERVICE?



Get involved and Join the Civil Grand Jury

Recruitment for 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury is now open. Deadline to submit an application is November 3, 2017.

Qualifications:

- US Citizen
- 18 years or older
- Resident of Los Angeles County for at least one year
- Possess sound judgment, fair character, and ordinary intelligence
- Working knowledge of English language.

Contact: Los Angeles County
Civil Grand Jury
Criminal Justice Center Bldg.
210 W. Temple St., 11-506
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tel # : 213/628-7914



LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY FACT SHEET

(Please read carefully before completing the nomination form)

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY

The primary function of the Civil Grand Jury is to investigate county, city, and joint-power agencies. This is a significant civil function. The Civil Grand Jury acts in a “watch-dog” function by examining, carefully and completely, the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County. The Civil Grand Jury cannot investigate state or federal agencies as they lie outside their jurisdiction. Part of the investigation of governmental agencies includes the ability to audit operations, accounts, and records of officers and departments within the agency under investigation. The Civil Grand Jury is further charged with investigating individual complaints from citizens. By statute, the Civil Grand Jury is required to inquire regarding the conditions and management of all public prisons within the County of Los Angeles.

To carry out this function, the Civil Grand Jury is divided into committees, each of which concentrates on certain areas under investigation. These committees visit facilities, meet with officials, and develop recommendations for improving government operations. The Audit, Citizens Complaints, and Jail Committees are considered essential because of the Civil Grand Jury’s mandate to audit the county, examine complaints from individual citizens, and inspect the jails.

No later than the end of its term the Grand Jury is required by law to submit a final report of its findings and recommendation to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Agencies to which these findings/recommendations are directed are required to respond within 90 days.

CIVIL GRAND JURY – FULL TIME FOR ONE YEAR

Twenty-three citizens of Los Angeles County are sworn each July to serve as Civil Grand Jurors for 12 months. Membership on this body is a full-time commitment, 5 days a week and approximately 30 – 40 hours each week. Los Angeles County, with its large population, its numerous facilities, and problems, is so big and so complex that the members of the Civil Grand Jury must be prepared to devote their time and energies almost totally to the needs and demands of the Civil Grand Jury.

It is essential that all Civil Grand Jurors be in attendance at every grand jury session. All jurors are required to be in attendance for productive discussion of issues and decision-making to take place. Therefore, only the most pressing emergency or illness is considered legitimate reasons for being absent.

A particular juror’s hours may vary depending on his/her committee assignment that needs to be completed on the Final Report. Some members of the grand jury may not be required to report during the later part of their grand jury’s term.

Anyone who is nominated to serve on the Civil Grand Jury must be fully cognizant of the time involved. Each prospective civil grand juror should sincerely and thoughtfully weigh any and all family, personal, and business obligations before accepting nomination to the Civil Grand Jury.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CIVIL GRAND JURY NOMINATION?

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