

**ALAMEDACOUNTYCIVILGRANDJURY  
CONFIDENTIAL JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the Grand Jury before May 5th.

Please be sure all questions are completed. Please write legibly. If your questionnaire is not RECEIVED by the May 5 deadline, your application will not be considered.

Please return this questionnaire via email to [accivilgrandjury@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:accivilgrandjury@alameda.courts.ca.gov) OR via mail to:

Superior Court of Alameda County  
Attn: Alameda County Grand Jury  
1225 Fallon Street, Department 1  
Oakland, CA 94612

Name	
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Residence Address	
City, State, Zip Code	

Best Contact Number	Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
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Email Address <i>Please print clearly</i>	
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Are you currently employed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you retired?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

What is your present or most recent job?
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Please describe your duties and responsibilities:

Please list your employment background and the highest position(s) you held:	
Employer	
Highest Position Held	
Employer	
Highest Position Held	

Name of Spouse or Co-Habitant	
Spouse/ Co-Habitant's Occupation	
Spouse/ Co-Habitant's Place of Employment	

### General Questions

**1.**

Service on the Grand Jury is open to all qualified individuals. Do you require an accommodation for a physical condition (such as hearing or mobility) to assist you with participating in the application process?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please describe the accommodation needed so that the court may provide the appropriate assistance:	

**2.**

Do you have any problems reading, communicating, or understanding the English language?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**3.**

Have you ever served on a criminal or Civil Grand Jury in California?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, when and where?	

**4.**

Have you ever served on a <b>regular</b> criminal or civil jury?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Did you reach a verdict?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Were you the foreperson?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5.

Do you know any person(s) who have previously served on the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list their name(s)		

6.

Do you have any plans on running for public office within the next two years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, which office and when?		
Have you ever run for public office?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list when, the office, and if you won or lost:		

7.

Do you have any relatives who have been employed by any public agency in Alameda County?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, list relative's relationship and agency:		

8.

Are you or any adult member of your immediate household related to, an employee of, or a volunteer for any elected or appointed official in Alameda County?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please describe:		

9.

Are you or any adult member of your immediate household related to any Alameda County Superior Court Judge?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, relationship and Judge's name:		

10.

Are you registered to vote?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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11.

Have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or removed from any public office or profession?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:	

12.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (including misdemeanors or major traffic offenses such as driving under the influence)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:	

13.

Have you ever been a member of a law enforcement organization?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, your position and agency name:	

14.

Do you have any claim, administrative proceeding (such as tax, zoning, planning or similar claim for damages) or any lawsuit pending before or against the County of Alameda or any other public agency in Alameda County, or are you presently contemplating any such claim, administrative proceeding, or lawsuit?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please describe:	

15.

Are there any claims or lawsuits pending or filed <u>against</u> you by the County of Alameda or any city or public agency within the County?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:	

16.

Please describe your involvement in civic, volunteer, fraternal, and political organizations over the past 5 years:

17.

Are you willing and/or able to serve for \$15 per day (for regular committee meetings only) plus mileage if applicable, without any other payment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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18.

Are you able to travel to various parts of the County to help conduct investigations such as jail inspections?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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19.

Are you on social media?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, which platforms:		
Facebook <input type="checkbox"/>		
Twitter <input type="checkbox"/>		
Instagram <input type="checkbox"/>		
TikTok <input type="checkbox"/>		
SnapChat <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reddit <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, how often do you post?		
Daily <input type="checkbox"/>		
Weekly <input type="checkbox"/>		
Monthly <input type="checkbox"/>		
Less often <input type="checkbox"/>		

20.

If you have social media, are you aware that you will not be allowed to post any information or opinions relating to any Grand Jury investigation, and do you agree to adhere to that rule?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	I have no social media <input type="checkbox"/>	

## Time Commitment

21.

Do you have any obligations or plans that would keep you away from Grand Jury service for three or more consecutive weeks from July 1 through June 30?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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22.

Your attendance is mandatory at the selection and swearing in ceremony at the end of June, as well as Grand Jury orientation during the month of July. Do you have any plans to be unavailable during this time?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain:	

23.

The Alameda County Civil Grand Jury <u>does not hear criminal matters</u> . The role of the Civil Grand Jury is to monitor local government, schools, and special districts. Investigations undertaken by the Civil Grand Jury necessitate time and effort. To be an effective participant you must be willing to devote a substantial amount of time to Grand Jury service. The time commitment varies greatly depending upon the complexity of investigations, but typically requires 10 - 30 hours per week. The Grand Jury meets several times each week. Are you willing to devote the amount of time as stated above to Grand Jury service?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please explain:	

24.

You are required to attend and participate in all of the sessions of the Grand Jury as a whole and of the committees of which you are a member. Realizing that as much as two full days each week may be required, are you able to adhere to this time commitment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please explain any limitations you may have in attending (e.g., school schedule, work schedule, childcare issues, etc.)	

## Computer Skills

25.

Please describe your computer skills and are you capable of attending online meetings on Zoom or Microsoft Teams?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Experience and Background

26.

Have you ever chaired an organization or committee?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please describe your experience and the size of the group.	

27.

Do you have any experience in taking minutes of meetings, editing reports, or evaluating large amounts of investigative materials?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please describe.	

28.

If you are employed, can you obtain the necessary time off from work to serve?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please list any employment conflicts you anticipate during the year:	

29.

Do you have any experience working with a group of individuals from various backgrounds who may not agree on topics?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

30.

What specific skills or experience do you have that would contribute to the mission of the grand jury, such as...



**Other**

31.

Have you ever previously applied to be on the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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32.

Do you have any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from serving on any particular committee?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please explain:
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33.

If selected, would you be willing to serve as foreperson or a committee chair?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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34.

The Grand Jury's primary role and the one to which most time is devoted is the review of Alameda County agencies and programs. Are there particular areas of County operations or County programs in which you are interested or feel you have expertise?
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If yes, please describe:
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35.

If appointed, will you conscientiously adhere to all applicable laws governing the confidentiality and secrecy of Grand Jury proceedings?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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36.

The Grand Jury oath of secrecy is for life. You will not be able to tell your family, spouse, friends or relatives about any Grand Jury investigations, witnesses, or evidence <i>for life</i> . Do you acknowledge this rule?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**37.**

Please tell us about any special skills or abilities that you have which the judges should know about in considering your application:

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**38.**

Do you have any topics of investigation you'd like the Grand Jury to investigate?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please describe and explain why this topic is important to you?

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39.

How did you hear about Grand Jury service?

News Article

TV

Postcard included with jury duty notice

Announcement during regular jury duty

Facebook / Twitter / Social Media

Friend

Judge

Elected Official

Former Juror

NextDoor

Other (please describe):

40.

Please write a paragraph about why you wish to become a member of the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury, what your expectations are from serving, and how you specifically feel you can contribute:

## Additional Information

Each member of the Grand Jury is allowed \$15 for each day's attendance either at general sessions or committee meetings. Mileage is compensated at the rate payable to employees of Alameda County for each mile actually traveled for the purpose of said sessions or committee meetings (currently 58.5 cents per mile). When meeting at the Grand Jury office, you will receive reserved (but not free) parking with a \$1 per day discount at ALCO Park garage in Oakland. Parking or transportation for tours, investigations, jail inspections of other events is not provided. The Grand Jury does not pay for or reimburse you for any parking expenses incurred. No pay is provided for work outside Grand Jury committee sessions (e.g., reading documents, writing reports, or individual work).

## STATEMENT

I am aware that service on the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury is for a 12-month period beginning July 1 through June 30 of the following year and that such service will require my attendance weekly. Reasonable vacations are permitted, as is time off for emergencies or illness.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I shall keep secret whatever I or any other Grand Juror said or in what manner I or any other Grand Juror voted on any matter before the Grand Jury. I understand that the secrecy rules of the Grand Jury are for life and apply even after my Grand Jury service has been completed. (California Penal Code section 924.1)

I certify under penalty of perjury and to the best of my knowledge and belief that all the statements I have made herein are true, complete and correct.

Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	