

10. Are you contemplating any absence from El Dorado County for more than two weeks between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 that might interfere with your performance as a Grand Juror? Yes No If yes, please indicate the dates below:

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

11. Are you currently an elected public official or county employee? Yes No

12. Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year of this date? Yes No

13. Have you ever been convicted with any of the following?

Malfeasance in Office: Yes No Misdemeanor: Yes No
Felony: Yes No

If you answered Yes to any of the above, please give details below:

City/State of Offense: _____

Date of Offense: _____ Penalty: _____

A misdemeanor conviction is not an automatic bar to acceptance of application. Each case is considered individually and confidentially

14. Have you ever been suspended, disqualified or disbarred from any public office, profession, or professional organization? Yes No

15. If selected as a grand juror, you will be required to swear or affirm the following. Have you any objections to taking such an oath or affirmation? Yes No

“I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and 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.”

16. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

17. Do you read and understand English? Yes No

18. Race/Ethnicity (may select more than one category)

American Indian/Alaska Native Asian
Black/African American Hispanic/Latino
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Caucasian

Other race or ethnicity (please state): _____

Decline to answer

19. Will you have been a resident of the County of El Dorado for one year prior to May 1, 2020? Yes No

20. Are you aware that the Grand Jury is required to publish a final report of issues they have investigated? Yes No

INTRODUCTION TO THE EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURY

The Grand Jury is a body of 19 citizens who are charged and sworn to investigate county matters of civil concern as well as inquire into public offenses committed or triable within the county.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications to serve on the El Dorado County Grand Jury can be obtained online at www.edcgov.us/grandjury or by contacting Derinda Lambie at dlambie@eldoradocourt.org or 530/621-7414.

SELECTION PROCESS

You are one of a pool of individuals chosen to serve as potential Grand Jury members. A random drawing of 18 names will be conducted under the direct supervision of the Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury in the presence of the nominees. The Supervising Judge chooses the Foreperson from the pool prior to the drawing. These individuals will comprise the Grand Jury. If a juror is unable to serve, a replacement name is then drawn. If your name is not drawn, you may be contacted at a later date to serve as a replacement for a juror who leaves for any reason.

ROLE OF GRAND JURORS

The Grand Jury reviews and evaluates procedures, methods and systems utilized by local government to determine whether they can be made more efficient and effective. It may examine any aspect of county government, city government and Special Districts. The Grand Jury may inquire into written complaints brought to it by the public.

The Penal Code requires the Grand Jury to:

- ◆ Inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county;
- ◆ Investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of the county officers, departments or functions;
- ◆ Inquire into the willful or corrupt misconduct in office or public officers;
- ◆ Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations no later than the end of its term to the Supervising Judge of the Superior Court.

COMMITMENT/OBLIGATION

Service on a Grand Jury requires a significant commitment of time. A Grand Jury member serves on the Grand Jury for one year. Most Grand Juries meet as a full body at least two times each month. More active Juries may meet three to five times a month. In addition to the full Jury meetings, members usually spend several days each week on Jury Committee meetings and investigations.

The Grand Jury has strict rules on secrecy and maintaining the confidentiality of witnesses, witness testimony, deliberations of Jurors, meeting minutes, and the raw evidence collected.

Grand Jury service involves the ability to work with others with very differing educational and work backgrounds, good listening skills, some writing skills, and the mental ability to be objective.

ORIENTATION/TRAINING

There will be orientation and training sessions dedicated to assist you in the performance of your duties as a Grand Jury member. The Supervising Judge, county officials and former Grand Jury members will conduct these sessions. This year's training session will be held on June 27 & 28, 2019.

REMUNERATION

Grand Jurors are paid per diem based on actual days worked (currently maximum \$15.00 per day). Mileage is reimbursed for travel between jurors' residences and the Grand Jury office and for travel on Grand Jury business.

REWARDING EXPERIENCE

If you become a member of the Grand Jury, you will be working with bright, interesting and vocal people from many different backgrounds, all with a common interest. It will be a year of hard work and the reward of feeling that you have contributed to making your community a better place to live. You can look back with pride at the service you performed on behalf of the citizens in El Dorado County.