



## Grand Jury Time Commitment

Grand Jurors must make a commitment to a minimum of one partial day per week for their one-year term. Most jurors participate in investigative work adding two or more hours per week. Six hours per week is typical.

## How to Apply

You can obtain a Grand Jury application at this El Dorado County website:

[www.edcgov.us/GrandJury](http://www.edcgov.us/GrandJury)

Or contact the Superior Court Administrative Analyst at (530) 621-7414.

## Questions

Feel free to contact a member of the El Dorado County Grand Jurors Association by email. [edcgja@gmail.com](mailto:edcgja@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.edcgja.org](http://www.edcgja.org)

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# EL DORADO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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# EL DORADO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY NEEDS YOU

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## What the Civil Grand Jury Does

The Civil Grand Jury reviews and evaluates procedures, methods and systems utilized by local government to determine if they can be made more efficient and effective. It may examine any aspect of county government, city government and special districts including public schools. The Civil Grand Jury may inquire into complaints brought to it by members of the public.

The California Penal Code requires the Civil Grand Jury to:

- Inquire into the condition and management of all correctional institutions within the county.
- Investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of county officers, departments or functions.
- Inquire into the willful or corrupt misconduct of public officers and employees.
- Submit a public final report of its findings and recommendations before the end of its term.

## Grand Jurors are Paid

Grand Jurors are paid a small stipend for each meeting day and are reimbursed for mileage and other grand jury related expenses.

## How Civil Grand Jurors are Selected

Each year El Dorado County Superior Court Judges identify qualified citizens who have volunteered to serve. County residents are encouraged to volunteer for service on the Civil Grand Jury. Those interested are interviewed by a Superior Court Judge and the Civil Grand Jury Foreperson.

A pool of qualified candidates is created who are invited to appear in the Superior Court of the Supervising Judge. The Judge selects the Foreperson prior to a random drawing by the Clerk of the Court selecting eighteen jurors and several alternates.

The new Civil Grand Jury will be nineteen jurors that may include current grand jurors carrying over for an additional year. Before starting their one-year term on July 1, all nineteen are sworn in and charged with their duties and responsibilities by the Supervising Judge.

## Training is Provided

All members of each new grand jury are required to attend a two-day training seminar provided by the California Grand Jurors Association.

An orientation program about the role of the grand jury and about local government will be provided by the Grand Jury foreperson.

## Desirable Qualities of a Grand Juror

- Have sufficient time and commitment.
- Be in good health.
- Have the ability to work with others.
- Be open minded with respect for the views of others.
- Have a genuine interest in community affairs.
- Have investigative skills and an ability to write reports.

## California Penal Code §893 Qualifications of Grand Jurors

- Be a citizen of the United States, 18 years or older who has resided in El Dorado County for at least one year.
- Be in possession of natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgement and of fair character.
- Possess sufficient knowledge of the English language.

### *A person cannot be a grand juror if:*

- Serving as a trial juror in any court of this state.
- Discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year.
- Convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime.
- Serving as an elected public official.