



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.

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. THE FIRST ORIENTATION/TRAINING SESSION IS USUALLY HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE DATE YOU ARE SWORN INTO OFFICE.

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.

**EL DORADO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
2005/2006 GRAND JURY APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM**

Please read the enclosed brochure before completing this questionnaire.

Then, complete all parts of this questionnaire to assist the Court in determining your eligibility for and any burdens placed upon you if you want to serve from July, 2005, to June, 2006, as a member of El Dorado County's Civil Grand Jury. If your answers indicate to the Court that you are an eligible candidate for Grand Jury service, you will receive a Court notification of the date, time, and place to appear for the final selection process for next year's Grand Jury.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 989.3 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado, does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Please advise the Office of the Jury Commissioner, (530) 621-7414, if you require reasonable accommodation to participate in this application process.

Please print in black ink or type.

1. **Name:** _____
Last, First, Middle

2. **Residence Address:** _____
Street, City, Zip

3. **Home Phone:** () _____

4. **Are you at least 18 years old?** Yes _____ No _____

5. **Supervisory District:** _____

6. **Employment Status:** Presently employed ____; Not employed ____; Retired ____
If employed, present occupation: _____
Name of Employer: _____
Business Address: _____
Street, City, Zip
Business Phone: () _____

If not employed or retired, your former occupation: _____

7. **Name of Spouse or adult members of your household:** _____
Occupation/Employer: _____

8. **Are you, your spouse, or any adult member of your immediate household related to or closely associated with any elected official or public employee?** Yes ___ No ___
If yes, please give name and explain relationship: _____

9. **Are you contemplating any absence from El Dorado County in the fiscal year 2005/2006 for more than two weeks, which might interfere with your performance as a Grand Juror?** Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please indicate the period of time.
Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: An orientation/training program for the 2005/2006 Grand Jury will be scheduled, pursuant to Penal Code §914. It is mandatory that each of the selected 19 members and the first three alternates attend.

10. **Are you currently an elected public official or county employee?** Yes ___ No ___

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

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

Malfeasance in Office: Yes ___ No ___

Felony: Yes ___ No ___ Misdemeanor: 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.

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

14. **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 sear (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.”

15. **Are you a citizen of the United States?** Yes ____ No ____
17. **Do you read and understand English?** Yes ____ No ____
18. **Will you have been a resident of the Count of El Dorado for one year prior to May 1, 2005?** Yes ____ No ____
19. **Are you aware that the Grand Jury is required to publish a final report of issues they have investigated?** Yes ____ No ____
20. **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 ____
21. **Will your employer release you to serve in the capacity as a fulltime grand juror for the entire period that the jury shall be in session?** Yes ___ No ___ Not Applicable ___
22. **Why do you want to serve on the Grand Jury and what contributions would you hope to make as a member?** _____

23. **Please outline your knowledge and understanding of the role and function of the Civil Grand Jury and the role and function of county government.**

24. **Would you be interested in the position of Grand Jury Foreperson?**
 Yes ____ No ____ If yes, why? _____

I am in possession of all my natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment and fair character.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Executed on _____ in _____, California.
Date City

Signature