



I. **OATH:**

Are you willing to take the following oath? Yes \_\_\_\_

“I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of California and all laws made pursuant to and in conformity therewith, will diligently inquire into, and true presentation 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, or 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 me by the court.”

II. **EDUCATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma/Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: (training/license(s)/certificate(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

III. **EMPLOYMENT**

Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Current or former occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Current or Former Employer’s or Company’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/title: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you retired? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, former occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **OFFICIAL AFFILIATION(S)**

Is your spouse or registered domestic partner employed by Ventura County? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you related to or acquainted with any Ventura County Superior Court Judge or any public official? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:  
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Are you a current or former law enforcement officer? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If Yes, which agency and dates? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a former elected public official? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If Yes, which government organization and dates? \_\_\_\_\_

V. **COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:** (This question is optional; it is asked to give you the opportunity to tell us about your community service involvement.)

Organization	Offices Held (if any)
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VI. **GROUP DYNAMICS:** Tell us about your experience working as a member of a group, as a volunteer or employee.

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VII. **GRAND JURY INTERESTS**

Have you previously served on a Grand Jury? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If Yes, which county/state? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times have you previously applied for Grand Jury service? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever resigned or been asked to resign from a Grand Jury? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If Yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Jury work involves investigations, research and ultimately, writing reports. Tell us about your preferences by checking any of the following:

\_\_\_ I feel comfortable performing a supporting role doing research.

\_\_\_ I feel comfortable performing a supporting role doing research and interviewing witnesses.

\_\_\_ I feel comfortable conducting research, interviewing witnesses and writing a report.

Tell us about your experience performing the following:

Investigating/Interviewing: \_\_\_\_\_

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Writing and Editing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Research and Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Public Speaking/Making Presentations: \_\_\_\_\_  
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As a new Grand Juror, you will receive orientation in how the Grand Jury works through committees, how investigations are conducted and how reports are uniformly formatted in a template. However, new Grand Jurors must have basic computer skills as follows:

- Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel, used for creating, saving and editing documents and data worksheets;
- Microsoft Outlook for composing, sending and attaching documents to emails in order to communicate with other jurors;
- Web browsers used to conduct research on the internet; and
- Knowledge of how files are organized and accessed on a computer and how to edit and save files.

Do you know how to use the applications listed above without instruction? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If your answer is No, which of the applications listed above do you NOT know how to use without instruction?

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**VIII. MORE ABOUT YOU: Tell us about other interests, experiences, abilities, and special skills that may be helpful to the Grand Jury. (Such as Information Technology, Graphic Design, Photography, Government Experience etc.)**

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The following are Grand Jury Investigative Committees. Which of the following might be of interest to you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Audit, Finance, and County Administration

\_\_\_\_\_ Cities and Joint Powers

\_\_\_\_\_ County Services and Special Districts

\_\_\_\_\_ Health, Education, and Welfare

\_\_\_\_\_ Law, Justice, and Public Safety

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Describe your experience(s) that relate(s) to your choice(s):

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Would you consider serving as Grand Jury Foreperson?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what qualifications do you have to serve as Foreperson?

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If you have previously served as a Ventura County Grand Juror, how many years did you serve? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Grand Jury service?

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Why do you want to be on the Grand Jury?

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Have you ever served on a petit (criminal or civil trial) jury? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Were you ever selected as a petit (criminal or civil trial) jury foreperson? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Grand Jury service frequently involves site visits and inspections, involving walking and stair climbing. Grand Jury service also involves sitting through long meetings and presentations, and participating in group discussions.

Do you have any physical or mental conditions that might limit your ability to perform the duties of a Grand Juror? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you answered Yes to the question above, please explain:

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I understand that all Ventura County Grand Jury applicants will be subject to investigation by an appropriate law enforcement agency regarding suitability for service. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_ California

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Superior Court of California  
County of Ventura  
Grand Jury Application 2020-2021

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

**STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, request that I be considered as a candidate for the Ventura County Grand Jury for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I understand that, if selected as a prospective Grand Juror, I will be required to attend a two-day orientation program in June 2020.

I am aware that service as a member of the Grand Jury requires that I attend Grand Jury meetings and activities approximately 30 hours per week, consisting of a minimum of three days per week and often as many as five days per week. In this regard, I understand that as a Grand Juror I must be flexible and able to serve some evening and weekend hours as well as work during normal business hours. I understand that it is essential that all Grand Jury members attend general meetings and meetings of assigned committees and make every effort to attend briefings by and visits to various county governmental units. Reasonable accommodations are made for illness and vacations with appropriate notice to the Foreperson.

I declare that I will be available to serve during those day and evening hours required. **I understand that I need to have computer, internet, and word processing capabilities.**

I understand that each member of the Grand Jury receives payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), taxable, for each day's attendance from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Mileage expense will be compensated for each mile traveled on Grand Jury business.

I have read, and I understand the above and state that I do not have and will not take on obligations which would prevent me from meeting the requirements for service on the Ventura County Grand Jury.

If employed, I have the permission of my employer to meet the requirements for service on the Ventura County Grand Jury.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Survey Information

Beginning January 1, 2007<sup>1</sup>, Jury Services is required to collect and summarize the following information from Grand Jury candidates. Individual names will not be included or released as part of the summary and this page will be separated from the rest of the application and **will not** be used in any part of the selection process.

**Providing the information requested on this page is voluntary and optional.** This information is requested in order to assist in recruiting a Grand Jury representing the diversity of our community.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of this application:

- 18 – 25
- 26 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- 55 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75 and over

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Race or ethnicity (you may select more than one category):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other race or ethnicity (please state): \_\_\_\_\_

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Decline to answer

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 10.625 of the California Rules of Court, effective January 1, 2007  
(VCGJ: 01/28/09)