

Please print and mail your application to:

County of Ventura
Jury Services, Room 113
Hall of Justice
800 S. Victoria Ave., L#2040
Ventura, CA 93009
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Email: jury-service@ventura.courts.ca.gov

(Applications may be mailed, emailed or dropped off at Jury Services)

Civil Grand Jury Application/Questionnaire
2022-2023

Contact Information

1. Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Former names used, if any: _____

2. Residence address: _____ City/Zip: _____

3. Landline: _____ Cell Phone: _____

4. Email address: _____

Background Information

5. Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth: _____

6. CA Driver's License or ID Card Number: _____

Requirements and Eligibility

7. Please answer the following questions to determine if you meet the <u>qualifications</u> to serve as a grand juror as required under Penal Code section 893.	Yes	No
Are you a citizen of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be at least 18 years old as of July 1, 2022?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a continuous resident of Ventura County for at least one year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you in possession of your natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and of fair character?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you possess sufficient knowledge of the English language to communicate both orally and in writing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Please answer the following questions, which will <u>determine your eligibility</u> under Penal Code section 893 to serve as a grand juror:	Yes	No
Are you currently serving as a trial juror (criminal or civil) in any court in this state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently serving as an elected public officer or official?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes on any above in question #8, please provide additional information. Attach additional pages if needed.

Oath

9. If selected as a grand juror, Penal Code section 911 requires you to take the following oath or affirmation. Are you willing to take the following oath or affirmation? Yes No

“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 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.”

Background Information

10. Education

High School _____ City/State _____

College/University _____ City/State _____

Diploma/Degree(s) _____

Other: (training/license(s)/certificate(s)) _____

11. Are you currently employed? Yes No Full time? _____ Part-time (Hours per week) _____
 (Note: Grand Jury activities occur 3-5 days and approximately 30 hours per week throughout the one-year term.) Are you retired? Yes No

12. What is your current occupation (or former occupation if retired)? _____

13. Name of your current or former employer or company: _____

14. What current or prior job positions or titles have you held? _____

15. Are you a current or former employee of any Ventura County agency or any local government entity within Ventura County? Yes No (See Penal Code section 916.2 for more information.)

16. Is your spouse or registered domestic partner a current or former employee of any Ventura County agency or any local government entity within Ventura County? Yes No

If you answered yes on Question 15 or 16, provide the government organization, indicating position, and dates:

17. Are you or is any adult member of your immediate household related to, an employee of, or a volunteer for any elected or appointed public official? (Examples: judicial officer, city or county council member, city or county attorney, elected board member, etc.) Yes No

If you answered yes, provide the name of the related person and his/her position:

18. Are you a former elected public officer or official? Yes No

If you answered yes, provide the government organization, indicating position and dates:

19. Do you have community service and/or volunteer experience? If yes, please list the organization(s) and if applicable the office(s) or position(s) held.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

20. Have you previously served as a civil grand juror? Yes No

If yes provide the county/state and date(s) served: _____

21. Have you previously served as a criminal grand juror? Yes No

If yes, provide the county/state and date(s) served: _____

22. 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

23. Have you ever resigned or been asked to resign from a Grand Jury? Yes No
If yes, provide date of resignation _____

Knowledge, Skills and Interests

24. Group dynamics is an important aspect of being a member of the Grand Jury. Please tell us about your experience working as a member of a group, as a volunteer or employee.

25. Grand Jury work involves investigations, research and ultimately, writing reports. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being low and 5 being high), tell us about your comfort level in the following areas:

- Performing internet and website research: 1 2 3 4 5
- Reading and analyzing documents: 1 2 3 4 5
- Interviewing agency officials: 1 2 3 4 5
- Writing fact-based reports: 1 2 3 4 5

26. 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, school district, special district or joint powers agency located in Ventura County? Yes No
If no, please explain: _____

27. Tell us about your experiences in the following areas:

Investigating and/or Interviewing:

Research and/or Analysis:

Writing and/or Editing:

Public Speaking and/or Making Presentations:

28. Currently, the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury has five Investigative Committees. Which of the following areas might be of interest to you?

- Audit, Finance, and County Administration
- County Services and Special Districts
- Law, justice, and Public Safety
- Cities and Joint Powers
- Health, Education, and Welfare

29. Describe your experience(s) that relate(s) to your choices(s):

30. Tell us about other interests, experiences, abilities, and special skills that you believe may be helpful to the Grand Jury in conducting its investigations and reporting. (Such as information technology, graphic design, photography, government experience, etc.)

31. Grand Jury work involves use of computers and the internet. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being low and 5 being high), tell us about your comfort level with the following applications and tasks:

- Microsoft Outlook or other email applications: 1 2 3 4 5
- Microsoft Word or other word processing applications: 1 2 3 4 5
- Microsoft Excel or other data collection/spreadsheet applications: 1 2 3 4 5
- Web browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.): 1 2 3 4 5
- How files are organized, edited, and saved on a computer: 1 2 3 4 5

Other Information

32. Why do you want to serve as a grand juror, and what do you hope to contribute as a member?

33. Would you be willing to serve as foreperson of the grand jury? Yes No

If yes, what leadership experience and/or skills do you have that would assist in serving as foreperson?

34. Please help the court evaluate its grand jury recruitment program by indicating all the sources from which you learned about service on the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury:

- Newspaper (which one(s)?) _____
- TV/radio (which one(s)?) _____
- Community/civil/philanthropic organization
- Social media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/Nextdoor/etc.)
- Referred by: _____
- Other: _____

- Open House
- Court website
- Petit jury presentation
- Flyer
- Poster

35. If you have a disability that would require a reasonable accommodation so that you can participate as a grand juror, please describe the nature of the accommodation that you would need:

I understand that all Ventura County Civil 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 _____, 20____, at _____ California

Signed: _____

Superior Court of California
County of Ventura
Civil Grand Jury Application 2022-2023

Last Name: _____
Please Print

STATEMENT

I, _____, request that I be considered as a candidate for the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

I am aware that service as a member of the Civil 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. 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 meeting of assigned committees and make every effort to attend briefings by and visits to various county government 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 as required. I am aware that much of the Grand Jury's work is done utilizing computer, internet, and word process applications.

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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Mileage expense will be compensated for each mile traveled on Grand Jury business.

I have read and understand the above. I state that I do not have and will not take on obligations which would prevent me from meeting the requirements for service on the 2022-2023 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury.

If employed, I have the permission of my employer to meet the requirements for service on the 2022-2023 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury.

Signature

Date

Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Survey Information

Beginning January 1, 2007¹, 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 the time of this application:

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

Gender: Male Female Non-Binary

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): _____

Decline to answer

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