

## **Request to be a Grand Juror**

Each spring, applications for the new Grand Jury are solicited from the public for the fiscal year beginning in July. The Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury is composed of 19 concerned citizens. Applicants are screened and interviewed by Superior Court Judges and 30 prospective Grand Jurors are selected from the applicant pool. The prospective Grand Jurors are summoned to appear before the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in a public session. At this time, the clerk of the court draws individual names at random. They are added to the holdover members (up to 6) until a total of 19 is reached. This body constitutes the Civil Grand Jury for one year beginning in July. All 19 members take the oath of office and are “charged” by the Presiding Judge concerning their duties and responsibilities.

Each member is required by statute to be a U.S. citizen, at least eighteen years of age, be a resident of Sonoma County for at least one year, have a command of the English language, not be presently serving as a trial juror, have no felony or malfeasance convictions, and not be presently serving as an elected official. In addition to the above statutory requirements, a grand juror should be able to fulfill the time commitment required to be effective (15 hours/week), have the ability to work with others and be tolerant of their views, be free of personal agendas, have some familiarity with investigative techniques, report writing and computers, and have a genuine interest in community affairs.

## **Why be a Grand Juror?**

Citizens on the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury should feel privileged to be selected to serve. They enter their service with interest and curiosity for learning more about the administration and operation of the government of Sonoma County. They give generously of their time for the betterment of government which, ultimately, belongs to them and to their fellow citizens.

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Yes, I am interested in serving on the Sonoma County Grand Jury. Please send me a questionnaire to that I can apply for the Grand Jury or nominate someone else.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

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