



# MADERA COUNTY GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE

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This questionnaire concerns your ability to serve as a GRAND JUROR (not a trial juror) on the Madera County Grand Jury. Persons selected will serve for a period of ONE YEAR from July to June.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Grand Jurors are expected to spend an average of 2-4 half days per week, depending on the duties demanded by the committee they are assigned to during their year of service. Temporary absence for normal periods of vacation is permissible, but excessively prolonged or repeated absences would interfere with the functioning of the Grand Jury. Enclosed is a brief description of duties for the 19 people selected as Grand Jurors.

*You are requested to COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE in the enclosed envelope.*

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**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
- Address (Res.): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Bus): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
If retired, previous occupation \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you afford the time required to be a Grand Juror? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, briefly state why not: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any physical or mental condition which would interfere with your ability to function as a Grand Juror? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain briefly \_\_\_\_\_  
What accommodations would the Court need to provide to accommodate your physical or mental impairment?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Education (Circle highest grade completed)  
6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Name of schools attended and degrees or certification attained: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS:** (Place a check in the appropriate box)

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|----|-----|---|
| No | Yes | Are you a citizen of the United States?   |
| No | Yes | Are you eighteen years of age or older?   |
| No | Yes | Have been a resident of Madera County for at least one year prior to the date of this application?                          |
| No | Yes | Are you in possession of your natural faculties? Are you of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character? |
| No | Yes | Do you possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language?  |

**STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS:** (Place a check in the appropriate box):

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| No | Yes | Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County _____  |
| No | Yes | Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this State within one year prior to the date of this application?  |
| No | Yes | Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime? Were your Civil Rights restored? _____<br>If so, when were your Civil Rights restored? _____<br>In what Court were the rights restored? _____ |
| No | Yes | Are you currently serving as an elected public official?   |

**CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT** adopts Rule 10.625, certain demographic data relating to regular grand jurors.  
(Please check the appropriate box to the following :)

(A) Age range, please check the appropriate box:

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

(B) Gender:     Male     Female

(C) Please indicate your ethnic origin by checking one of the following:

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|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| African American | Asian    | Hispanic         | Caucasian                    |
| Native American  | Filipino | Pacific Islander | Other (please specify) _____ |

- Check one:    (    )    I am interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury for the fiscal year and I understand the time commitment required
- (    )    I am unable to serve on the Grand Jury
- (    )    I am unavailable at this time, but would like to be considered for a future term

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO ASSIST THE JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN COMPLETING A LIST OF NOMINEES WHICH FAIRLY REPRESENTS A CROSS-SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT MAY SEEM PERSONAL ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE JUDGES THAT THE GROUP THEY NOMINATE, FROM WHICH THE FINAL NAMES WILL BE DRAWN, REPRESENTS VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

If you answer **NO** to any **STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS** or you answer **YES** to any **STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS**, please do not answer questions 7 through 16 and return the questionnaire in the envelope provided.

7. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong.

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8. Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If retired, list previous occupation you retired from \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed or elected public officer of any public agency? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you currently involved in any litigation (law suits) in this county? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you or any of your immediate family members employed by The City of Madera, Chowchilla, Oakhurst, Bass Lake, North Fork, etc., or any school district within the county, or any special district? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you have any significant problems reading or understanding The English Language? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have any suggestions, comments or other matters you would like to bring to the judges attention in connection with your application? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Please tell us about any special skills or abilities that you have which the judges should know about in considering your application? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury.

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16. Describe any background experience or skills you have which would be helpful to grand jury service (i.e., computer skills, leadership skills, or experience writing/editing reports, working in groups, or conducting investigations or interviews.)

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### **ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTEREST**

The Penal Code mandates specific qualifications for membership on the grand jury. Other factors that prior grand jurors felt were important are: 1) open mindedness, 2) a willingness to participate in and conform to group decisions, 3) industry, initiative and energy, 4) the ability to clearly communicate findings to others in both oral and written form, and 5) a general knowledge of government and how it operates.

Please indicate your areas of interest and/or experience; choose as many as you like:

Audit & Finance

Criminal Justice

Health & Social Services

Cities, Joint Powers

Editorial

Natural Resources

Housing

Education

Planning & Development

Special Districts