GRAND JURY
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Supervisorial District: _____
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Superior Court of California
County of Santa Clara

2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury Application and Nomination Form

☐ **Mr.** ☐ **Mrs.** ☐ **Ms.** ☐ **Dr.** ☐ **Mx.** ☐ **No title**

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

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

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

   E-mail: _____

Gender: ☐ **Man (or male)** ☐ **Woman (or female)** ☐ **Non-binary** ☐ **Decline to answer**

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ **Place of Birth:** _____

Age Range: ☐ **18-25** ☐ **26-34** ☐ **35-44** ☐ **45-54** ☐ **55-64** ☐ **65-74** ☐ **75 and over**

Driver License or State ID Number: _____

Indicate your race/ethnicity by checking all that apply:

☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native** ☐ **Hispanic/Latino**
☐ **Asian** ☐ **Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander**
☐ **Black or African American** ☐ **White**
☐ **Other Race or ethnicity (please state):**_____ ☐ **Decline to answer**

Sexual Orientation: ☐ **Gay** ☐ **Lesbian** ☐ **Bisexual/pansexual** ☐ **Straight/heterosexual**
☐ **Queer** ☐ **Another sexual orientation** ☐ **Decline to answer**

4. **Student:** Yes/No

5. **Employment Status:** Presently Employed
   Not Employed
   Retired

6. **Please provide detailed (present and/or past) employment (10 years or two most recent jobs) and educational background information on a separate sheet of paper.**

   Resume is attached: Yes/No

7. If you are employed, does your employer understand the nature of the duties of a Grand Juror and will they release you to *full-time* Grand Jury service for the entire period that the jury shall be in session? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

If you are currently employed, a *written release verification* from your employer MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.

EMPLOYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY WAGES TO CITIZENS SERVING ON THE CIVIL GRAND JURY.

8. Name of Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Spouse/Significant Other's Occupation/Employer: _____

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, does not discriminate against persons with disabilities.

9. Do you require any accommodations for a mental or physical condition (including impaired hearing, eyesight or mobility) to enable you to participate in the application process or as a Grand Juror? ***(Please explain)***

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10. Are you a citizen of the United States? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

11. Do you read and understand English? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

12. Are you 18 years or older and will you have been a resident of the State of California and of the County of Santa Clara for at least one year as of June 18, 2020? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

13. Are you a registered voter? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

14. The Political Reform Act (Gov. Codes § 81000, 84100 et seq.) requires most state and local government officials and employees who make or participate in the decision-making process to publicly disclose their personal assets and income. If you are selected as a member of the Civil Grand Jury, you will be required to complete a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

Are you willing to complete the Form 700? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

15. Are you related to or closely associated with any elected official or public employee?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

If yes, please give their name(s) and explain relationship(s):

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_____

16. Are you currently serving as an elected public official? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

Title: _____ Date term ends: _____

17. Have you ever been convicted of any of the following?

Malfeasance in Office	**Yes** ◯	**No** ◯
Felony	**Yes** ◯	**No** ◯
Misdemeanor	**Yes** ◯	**No** ◯

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above, please give details below:

Please note that a misdemeanor conviction is not an automatic bar to acceptance of application. Each case is considered individually and confidentially. Please provide additional information on a separate sheet if necessary.

Offense	City/State	Date	Penalty

18. As a member of any profession or organization or as a holder of any office, have you ever been suspended, disbarred or otherwise disqualified?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

19. Are you contemplating any absence from Santa Clara County in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which might interfere with your performance as a Grand Juror?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

If yes:

Departure Date: _____ **Return Date:** _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

20. If selected as a finalist, will you be able to attend the mandatory Drawing/Impanelment Ceremony on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 4 pm? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

21. Training pursuant to Penal Code § 914 for the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury is tentatively scheduled on June 26, 2020; July 9 and 10, 2020; and July 15, 2020. It is mandatory that each of the persons selected for the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury attend these meetings.

Will you be able to attend all of the mandatory training sessions? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

22. If selected as a Grand Juror, you will be required to swear or to affirm the following obligation:

"I do solemnly swear or 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 neither 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 to me by the court."

Do you have any objections to taking such an oath or affirmation?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

23. Will you define and evaluate issues without expressing personal bias?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

24. Are you aware that the Civil Grand Jury is required to publish a final report of issues they have investigated? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

25. Are you willing to investigate county government issues and prepare reports on these issues? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯

26. Please outline your knowledge and understanding of the role and function of the Civil Grand Jury and of county government. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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27. Why do you want to serve on the Civil Grand Jury and what contributions would you hope to make as a member? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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_____

 Last Name: _____

28. Please assist the Court in the evaluation of the Grand Jury recruitment program by indicating from which source you learned about service on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury.

- ☐ Newspaper (which?) _____
- ☐ TV/Radio (which?) _____
- ☐ Social Media (which?) _____
- ☐ Referred by _____
- ☐ Community Organization
- ☐ Public Gathering
- ☐ Government Agency (which?) _____
- ☐ Other _____

29. Have you ever served on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury?

If yes, list the year(s): _____

I am in possession of all my natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character. I certify under penalty of perjury, that all of the statements I have made are true, complete and accurate.

Executed at _____, California.
City

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

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The above candidate is suitable, competent and qualified to serve as a Grand Juror, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 under Sections 893 and 896 of the California Penal Code. I have discussed the requirements for Grand Jury service and have ascertained availability for service.

_____ Date

_____
HON. DEBORAH A. RYAN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
State of California, County of Santa Clara

 Last Name: _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT

I, _____ , understand that my name may be placed in nomination to be considered for membership on the Civil Grand Jury of Santa Clara County for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

I understand that the term will be from June 18, 2020 to June 17, 2021.

I am aware that such service requires that I be in attendance at least 25 hours per week and frequently more. 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 working during normal business hours as determined by the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury. I declare, pursuant to Penal Code § 896(a), that I will be available to serve during those required hours.

Each member of the Grand Jury shall be allowed a per diem for each day's attendance, either at general sessions or committee assignments of the Grand Jury. Mileage expense (nontaxable) is also compensated each mile actually and necessarily traveled for purposes of said sessions or committee work.

Now, therefore, I have read and understand the above and I hereby state that I have no commitments which would prevent me from meeting the requirements for service on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury.

I recognize that my attendance will be expected and may be required by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury.

I fully understand that the Civil Grand Jury staff will conduct a background check. **Furthermore, I understand that I must complete a Form 700**.

I therefore request that I be considered as a candidate for the Civil Grand Jury of Santa Clara County for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

_____ Signature (Full Name)

_____ Date

REMINDER: Please provide **DETAILED** **(PRESENT and/or PAST)** employment (10 years or two most recent jobs) and educational background information.

Please be sure to **sign** and return this completed application to:

Britney J. Huelbig
Deputy Manager, Civil Grand Jury
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 North First Street
San José, California 95113

Deadline to Apply: April 1, 2020

Web Site address: www.scscourt.org (Click on Civil Grand Jury)

Submit Application

 Last Name: _____

APPLICANT CHECK LIST

(Please do not submit this form with your application)

- ☐ Application completed, and signed and dated, page 5
- ☐ Applicant Statement signed and dated, page 6
- ☐ Included employment and educational background information
- ☐ Answered YES/NO questions #10 - 25, pages 2 – 4

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

➢ Impanelment Ceremony	Santa Clara County Superior Court	Thursday, June 18, 2020
➢ Grand Jury Orientation	Santa Clara County Superior Court	Friday, June 26, 2020
➢ Grand Jury Training	California Grand Jurors' Association	Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10, 2020
➢ Grand Jury Legal Training	Santa Clara County Superior Court	Wednesday, July 15, 2020