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APPLICATIONS FOR GRAND JURY SERVICE SOUGHT

The Contra Costa County Superior Court is accepting applications for Civil Grand Jury Service for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 term.

The Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 members who serve for one year, July through June, to monitor, review and report on city and county governments, special districts, and school districts.

Every effort is made to ensure that the Grand Jury reflects the makeup of the residents of the county. Approximately 75 applicants will be selected to be interviewed by the Grand Jury Selection Committee, which is composed of Superior Court Judges. After interviews, the judges will nominate approximately 30 applicants to constitute a grand jury pool from which the final panel of 19 will be selected by random drawing. The drawing is scheduled to be held on **Friday, June 12, 2026**.

Individuals selected for service will be expected to be available from June 15 to June 18 and June 22 to June 26, to attend an orientation where they will meet with department heads, become familiar with their colleagues, learn about juror responsibilities and procedures, and select committees on which they will serve.

Grand jurors must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, who have been a resident of Contra Costa County for at least one year prior to selection. They cannot currently hold any elected position within the county. Applicants should have reliable transportation to Martinez and must be prepared to devote at least 30 hours per week to Civil Grand Jury service. Applicants should have access to a computer, be familiar with Microsoft Word, and be able to send and receive email. Citizens who work should apply only if they can be released from their jobs to perform their jury duties. Applicants selected as one of the 30 nominees will be fingerprinted before the drawing.

Jurors receive a stipend for attending full jury and committee meetings and are reimbursed the IRS rate per mile for allowable jury travel.

Persons interested in applying may contact the Office of the Civil Grand Jury at (925) 608-2621, or visit the website at <https://contracosta.courts.ca.gov/divisions/civil/civil-grand-jury> to receive additional information regarding service on the Civil Grand Jury and to obtain an application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Serve Your Community As A
Contra Costa County Grand Juror

The Deadline to Submit an Application to Become a Member
of the 2026/2027 Contra Costa County Grand Jury is:

*** FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026 ***

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or

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Become Involved



**Promote Sound
Government**



**Make Recommendations
to County Agencies
and Cities**

**Together We Make a Positive Difference
The Grand Jury**



Do You Have What It Takes to Be an Engaged Citizen? Join the Civil Grand Jury and Make a difference!



Hold your local city and county government agencies accountable for their actions.

Ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely.

Increase transparency and improve oversight.

Jurors serve a one-year term and unlike regular jury service, it is not a full-time or in-court commitment.

Inspections, interviews, and meetings are conducted in-person or virtually and do not require travel to Martinez.

Through these investigations, they develop findings and recommendations that agencies must legally respond to in writing.

Grand jurors must be US Citizens and residents of Contra Costa County for at least one year and eighteen years of age or over.

Seize this opportunity to effect meaningful change in local government!

The Civil Grand Jury is not a courtroom jury!

The Civil Grand Jury actively investigates local government!

The Civil Grand Jury issues reports based on their investigations!

For more information or to apply, visit

<https://contracosta.courts.ca.gov/divisions/civil/civil-grand-jury>

Would YOU Make A *Good* Grand Juror?

Do you feel the need to increase the efficiency of County and Local government, reduce costs, and improve services?

- Are you willing to devote your time and energy to that goal?
- Are you willing to take a position on an issue even though there will be those who will disagree with you?

How are your Listening and Analytical Skills?

- Are you a good communicator?
- Are you a good listener?
- Do you have a good memory for detail?
- Can you separate the "Wheat from the Chaff"?

Can you ask penetrating questions, examine documents, and help prepare clear, concise reports?

- Are you good at separating facts from rumor, emotional responses, and personality or ideological differences?
- Can you express yourself well in writing?

Are you willing to cooperate with 18 others in reaching a consensus?

- Do you value diversity of views?
- Can you evaluate differing ideas?
- Can you take direction from others?
- Are you willing to assume leadership responsibility?

Can you maintain confidentiality outside the Grand Jury?

- The Grand Jury operates in secrecy
- Your work must be confidential from everyone other than fellow Grand Jurors
- Grand Jurors are sworn "Officers of the Court"
- There are penalties for violating the "secrecy" of the Grand Jury

Are you willing to commit to a full year of productive work?

- The Grand Jury term runs from July 1 to June 30
- Can you make a substantial contribution?
 - ...at least three half-days a week in meetings
 - ...30 hours a week or more in reading and research
- It is necessary that absences be minimized and if possible planned
- Can you sustain enthusiasm under prolonged demands?

Are you willing to receive your "rewards" through personal satisfaction?

- There is little, if any, public recognition for individual contribution
 - ...Your reports may be unpopular and subject to criticism by the "subjects" and the media
- Financial compensation is small
 - ...You will receive a stipend for meeting attendance and compensation for mileage
 - ...Parking is provided

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

2021 Supervisorial Districts
Final Map Adopted 11/23/2021

