

TULARE COUNTY
CIVIL GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE 2026/2027

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This jury service differs from jury duty as a trial juror. Your participation is voluntary and it is considered to be a privilege to be chosen to serve on the Civil Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury is composed of 19 active panel members who meet, form committees, investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of the officers, departments and functions of the county. Service on the panel is from July 1 through June 30 and requires approximately 10 - 12 hours per week during the fiscal year.

FOR 2026/2027 TERM, IT WILL BEGIN JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Room 303, Visalia Courthouse. This questionnaire will assist the Judges of the Superior Court in compiling a list of nominees, which fairly represents a cross-section of our community. Your personal information is confidential and will only be used by the Judges of the Superior Court to assure that the group nominated represents various age groups, economic and social backgrounds. Your application will still be considered even though you may leave some of the questions unanswered.

If there is anything you would like us to know feel free to attach additional information, if necessary.

Your prompt attention to the completion and return of the questionnaire will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call: (559) 730-5000 ext. 1110

Fax application to: (559) 737-4290

Email application to: administration@tulare.courts.ca.gov

Court's website is: www.tulare.courts.ca.gov

DUTIES OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY

Civil Grand Jurors serve a one (1) year term from July 1st through June 30th. The jury panel consists of nineteen (19) persons who are assigned to various committees plus three (3) alternates. It is understood that Civil Grand Jurors may be absent for reasonable periods for vacations. During your term as a Civil Grand Juror you would be excused from trial jury service in the State Courts.

The Civil Grand Jury is a time-honored component of our Anglo-American legal system. Civil Grand Jurors are selected citizens of the county who are expected to exercise sound judgment in reviewing and commenting upon the actions of governmental agencies.

Essentially, the Civil Grand Jury operates as an investigative agency performing a two-fold function. First, the Civil Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to the oversight of public offices, officers, and transactions. Designated State and all County and special District agencies that serve Tulare County are routinely reviewed and critiqued by the Civil Grand Jury in its annual and interim reports.

Secondly, the Civil Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to inquiry into possible public offenses, misconduct in office by public officers and determining whether to return indictments charging the commission of felonies.

The Tulare County Civil Grand Jury selection process will be conducted May - June annually. The process involves completing this questionnaire and being interviewed by the designee of the Presiding Judge of the Tulare County Superior Courts. After selection, the designee of the Presiding Judge will further instruct jurors of their duties. Throughout its term, the Civil Grand Jury may request advice on legal matters from the District Attorney and County Counsel.

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Pursuant to California Penal Code section 893, the following questions must be answered:

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

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If Yes, County _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Are you currently serving as an elected public official? |

_____ (initial here) I am interested in serving on the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury for the fiscal year **2026/2027** and I understand the time commitment required

If you answered **NO** to any **STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS** or you answered **YES** to any **STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS**, you do not qualify. There is no need to continue or to return the questionnaire.

IF QUALIFIED, please continue and complete the questionnaire, returning it to Court Administration – Rm 303

CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT, Rule 10.625, regarding 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 **circling one** of the following (may select more than one):

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Other (please specify) _____
☐ Decline to Answer

Place of Residence by Supervisorial District: ☐ District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5

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.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1. Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. Address (Phys.): _____ City: _____ Zip +4: _____
Address (Mail): _____ City: _____ Zip +4: _____
Residence Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____
Cell Phone: () _____ Fax Number: () _____
Email Address: _____
3. Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
If retired, previous occupation _____
4. Can you afford the time required to be a Civil Grand Juror (approximately 20 hours per week)? _____
If not, briefly state why not: _____
5. Do you have any physical or mental condition which would interfere with your ability to function as a Civil Grand Juror? _____ If yes, explain briefly _____
What accommodations would the Court need to provide to accommodate your physical or mental impairment? _____
6. 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: _____
7. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong.

8. Spouse / Domestic Partner 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 County of Tulare or any school district within the county? _____
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? _____
14. Please tell us about any special skills or abilities that you have which the judges should know about in considering your application? _____

15. Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury. (Please attach additional pages as needed)

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.)

Mail to: **Attention: Civil Grand Jury**
 Tulare County Superior Court
 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Room 303
 Visalia, CA 93291

Or Fax to: (559) 737-4290

Or email to: administration@tulare.courts.ca.gov

NOTE: Applicants for nomination as a member of the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury are subject to investigation by an appropriate law enforcement agency as to the statutory qualifications for service and the applicant's ability and suitability for service.

In support of my application for selection as a member of the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Signed: _____

Date: _____