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SERVE ON THE 2017-2018

Orange County Grand Jury

- Investigate the performance of county, city, and other local agencies
- Analyze data and write reports with recommendations for improvement
- Look into citizen complaints about local government agencies
- Decide on indictments for some criminal cases
- Verify that local tax dollars are spent wisely
- Examine conditions at local jails

Application and Information: www.ocgrandjury.org

Grand Jury Hotline: 657-622-6747



Qualifications:

O.C. resident, U.S. citizen, 18 or older, sound judgment, and knowledge of English

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017

One-year Term Begins: June 30, 2017

Stipend: \$50/day, plus mileage

The Grand Jury's role differs substantially from that of a trial jury. Up to 80% of the Orange County Grand Jury's time is spent in its civil watchdog role, investigating local government agencies. In the Grand Jury's criminal role, it only participates in criminal indictment and investigation hearings, not jury trials. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



2017-2018 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY Recruitment and Selection Timeline

- 9/2016** **Application Period Opens** – Information and application form are available online, www.ocgrandjury.org , or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline, 657-622-6747.
- 1/20/2017** **Application Deadline**
- 2/3/2017** **Applicant Orientation** – 2:00-3:00 p.m., informational session with participants from the Court, O.C. Sheriff's Department, and Grand Jury, Central Justice Center, Jury Assembly Room (third floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
- 2/10-2/24/2017** Judges of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee review applications and select no more than 90 of the most qualified applicants proportionately from the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
- 2/28/2017** Jury Commissioner confirms top applicants and informs all applicants by mail.
- 3/1-3/29/2017** O.C. Sheriff's Department conducts background investigations of top applicants.
- 4/5-4/13/2017** Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members conduct interviews.
- 4/20-5/1/2017** Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members select top applicants.
- 5/3/2017** Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members meet to select 25-30 top applicants, proportionately representing the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
- 5/4-5/8/2017** Superior Court judges vote to approve the final list of 25-30 Grand Jury nominees (majority approval required).
- 5/9/2017** Letters mailed to all candidates; nominees' names released for publication.
- 5/17-5/18/2017** **Nominees Fingerprinted** – O.C. Sheriff's Department, Live Scan Office, 320 N. Flower St., Santa Ana 92703.
- 5/24/2017** **Drawing to Designate 19 Grand Jury Members and Alternates** – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
- 5/31/2017** Deadline for **Grand Jury Members** to apply to be foreperson, 4:00 p.m.
- 6/5, 6/6, 6/7, & 6/8/2017** **Mandatory Training for 19 Members and ALL Alternates** – Conducted by members of the outgoing Grand Jury and their advisors.
- 6/16/2017** Judges interview foreperson candidates.
- 6/20/2017** Name of Grand Jury foreperson is announced.
- 6/30/2017** **Oath of Office Ceremony** – 10:00-11:30 a.m., Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.

Dates and Times Subject to Change