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Serve Your Community: Applications Now Open for the 2026-2027 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury

Stockton, CA — The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, is accepting applications for service on the 2026–2027 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury. The deadline to submit an application is March 27, 2026.

You can apply on your own or applicants may also be nominated by a judge of the Superior Court or by any member of the community. The Civil Grand Jury is responsible for examining and investigating the operations and functions of local governmental bodies, agencies, and public officials within San Joaquin County. The Grand Jury also reviews complaints submitted by members of the public. Past investigations have included topics such as juvenile group homes, local city government, community colleges, school districts, jail operations, special districts, and housing authorities.

Recent civil grand jurors have described their service as a meaningful way to contribute to their community. Many noted that the experience provided valuable insight into how local government operates while helping promote transparency and accountability for the public.

Applicants must be able to work in person and have the ability to participate remotely via telephone or video appearance. A smartphone and internet access are required. To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and a resident of San Joaquin County for at least one year. Applicants must possess sufficient knowledge of the English language and may not be currently serving as a trial juror or as an elected public official. Qualified applicants may be interviewed by a Superior Court judge. Background investigations, including law enforcement record checks, will be conducted by the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office.

Members of the 2026–2027 Civil Grand Jury will begin their service on July 1, 2026. The Grand Jury is composed of 19 citizens whose names are randomly selected from a list of qualified applicants.

Applications are available by calling (209) 992-5695 or by visiting the court's website at www.sjcourts.org/general-info/civil-grand-jury

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