




Desirable Attributes

 **Commitment to community and local government:** Interest in and understanding of local government and community affairs, paired with open-mindedness and good judgment.

 **Strong collaboration skills:** Ability to work productively with others in a group setting where respect, patience, and teamwork are essential.

 **Effective analytical and communication skills:** Experience in fact-finding, investigative techniques, and clear, accurate report writing.

How to File a Complaint

The San Joaquin County Grand Jury Complaint Form can be obtained:

Via the internet at:

sjcourts.org/divisions/civil-grand-jury/

Via E-mail at:

civilgrandjury@sjcourts.org

By visiting or writing:

San Joaquin County Superior Court
180 E Weber Ave
Stockton, CA 95202

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JOIN THE CIVIL GRAND JURY

About the Grand Jury

The San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury's duty is to address citizens' concerns regarding the operation of local government entities.

The Civil Grand Jury is composed of 19 citizens who are impaneled annually for a one-year term. The Grand Jury has a separate and distinct function from that of a trial jury and does not hear cases in a courtroom. Instead, grand jurors examine and investigate local governmental activities within San Joaquin County.

The responsibilities of the Civil Grand Jury encompass the examination of all aspects of county government, including school and special assessment districts, to ensure that the County is being governed lawfully and efficiently, and that public monies are being handled appropriately. The Grand Jury may conduct investigations of public agencies and the administration and affairs of any city within the county.



Training is Provided

Training is provided to all members of the grand jury. Opportunities to receive training seminars by both the California Grand Jurors Association and our local grand jurors' chapter are available to new jurors.

Our grand jurors receive orientation about the role of the grand jury and about local government.

Grand Jury Investigations

The Grand Jury receives complaints regarding all levels of local government. They may include, but are not limited to, allegations of misconduct by public officials or employees and inefficiencies in local government. Any citizen may submit a complaint by completing a Complaint Form.

Complaints are treated as confidential. This allows a complainant to come forward without intimidation.

Generally, the Grand Jury provides the complainant with a written acknowledgement of receipt of a complaint. However, with so many possible investigations, the grand jury must make hard decisions about what investigations to undertake during its term.

Grand Jury Requirements

To be considered for nomination, you must meet the following legal requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of San Joaquin County for at least one year immediately before the beginning of your service
- Sound judgment and good character
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language to communicate both orally and in writing

You cannot be considered for selection:

- If you are serving as a trial juror in any court in the State of California
- If you have been discharged as a grand juror in any California court within the previous year
- If you have been convicted of malfeasance in office or any other high crime
- If you are serving as an elected public officer