



**KINGS COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY
QUESTIONNAIRE
2026 - 2027**

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This questionnaire concerns your ability to serve as a **CIVIL GRAND JUROR (not a trial juror)** on the 2026/2027 Kings County Civil Grand Jury. The person selected will serve for a period of **ONE YEAR** from July 2026 through June 2027.

TIME COMMITMENT: Civil Grand Jurors are expected to spend an average of 3 to 4 days per week, depending on the duties demanded by the committee they are assigned to during their year of service. Temporary absence for normal periods of vacation is permissible, but excessively prolonged or repeated absences would interfere with the functioning of the Civil Grand Jury. Enclosed is a brief description of duties for the 19 people selected as Grand Jurors.

You are requested to COMPLETE QUESTIONS 1 through 17, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE NO LATER THAN April 17, 2026, in the enclosed envelope.

Please print

1. Full name: _____ Date of Birth _____
2. Address (Mailing): _____ City _____ Home # _____
(Res.): _____ City _____ Cell # _____
Email address: _____ required
3. Occupation: _____
If retired, former occupation: _____
4. Can you afford the time required to be a Grand Juror? _____
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 Grand Juror? _____ If yes, explain briefly _____

6. Education (Circle highest grade completed)
6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
7. Are you a U.S. citizen? _____
8. How long have you continuously resided in Kings County? _____
9. Are you currently serving on any state or federal jury or grand jury? _____ If yes, explain: _____

10. Have you ever served on a Grand Jury before? _____ If yes, where and for what time period or periods? _____
11. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or malfeasance in office? _____
If yes, are your civil rights restored? _____
12. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed or elected public officer of any public agency? _____
If yes, explain: _____
13. Are you currently involved in any litigation (lawsuits) in this county? _____
14. Are you or any of your immediate family members employed by the City of Hanford, Lemoore, Corcoran, Avenal, any school district within the county, or any special district? _____
If yes, where? _____
15. Do you have any significant problems reading or understanding the English language? _____
16. Are you the subject of a Conservatorship? _____

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

The Penal Code mandates specific qualifications for membership on the grand jury. Other factors that prior grand jurors felt were important are: 1) open mindedness, 2) a willingness to participate in and conform to group decisions, 3) industry, initiative, and energy, 4) the ability to clearly communicate findings to others in both oral and written form, and 5) a general knowledge of government and how it operates.

Please indicate your areas of interest and/or experience; choose as many as you like:

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| Audit & Finance | Criminal Justice | Health & Social Services |
| Cities, Joint Powers | Editorial | Natural Resources |
| Housing | Education | Local Government |
| Planning & Development | Special Districts | County Government |

CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT adopt Rule 10.625, certain demographic data relating to regular grand jurors.
(Please check the appropriate box to the following)

- (A) Age range:
 18-25 26-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75 and over

- (B) Gender: Male Female

- (C) Please indicate your race or ethnicity (may select more than one from the following categories)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native
Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or another Pacific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Another race or ethnicity (please state) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer |

17. Check one: () I am interested in serving on the Kings County Civil Grand Jury the coming fiscal year and I understand the time commitment required.
- () I am unable to serve on the Civil Grand Jury this upcoming year.

Date: _____

Signature

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) people who are assigned to various committees. Typically, members meet three to five times per week. Meetings are usually done by noon. Sometimes a meeting might take most of the day.

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 Kings County are routinely reviewed and critiqued by the Civil Grand Jury in its annual and interim reports.

Second, the Civil Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to inquiry into possible public offenses, misconduct in office by public officers.

The 2026-2027 Kings County Civil Grand Jury selection process will be conducted May - June 2026. The process involves completing this questionnaire and being interviewed by the designee of the Presiding Judge of the Kings County 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.