



# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

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## Yolo County Seeking Grand Juror Candidates

Yolo Superior Court is now accepting applications for the opportunity to serve on the 2017/2018 Yolo County Grand Jury. Each July 1<sup>st</sup> Yolo Superior Court impanels 19 grand jurors who serve as an independent, but important piece of the judicial system.

Grand jurors play an essential role in civil functions by reviewing the operations of city and county government, special districts, and other agencies supported by tax funds. After review, the grand jury publishes their findings and can recommend useful ways to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government. Additionally, the grand jury investigates complaints from private citizens, local government officials, or government employees. In this way, grand jurors have the ability to foster change within their community.

Occasionally grand jurors are tasked with considering criminal indictments based on evidence presented from a prosecutor. Advising whether criminal charges should be brought against one or more people is a serious, but rewarding opportunity to get involved with the legal process in our county.

Eligibility requirements for grand jury service are:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a resident of Yolo County for at least one year before selection;
- Be in possession of your natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment and fair character;
- Possess sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- Not currently serving as a trial juror in any court of this state;
- Not been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year;
- Not been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime;
- Not serving as an elected public officer.

Grand jury service is important work and a considerable responsibility, but it is also a wonderful chance to support your community and learn more about local government. It can be an incredibly rewarding and satisfying experience as you discuss and make suggestions on matters of importance to Yolo County residents.

The term of service is a one-year period, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Applicants should be committed to serving the entire year, with the average hourly time commitment being approximately 25 to 40 hours per month. The grand jury usually meets twice per month in the evening, with meetings occasionally added during business hours. For each day's attendance, reimbursement to grand jurors is at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15) per day and fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per mile round trip from their home to the meeting location. There are two mandatory trainings scheduled for soon after the new term begins. One is a half-day session held in Woodland and the other is a two-day seminar, sponsored by the California Grand Juror's Association, which takes place in the Sacramento area.

If you are ready for the exciting challenge of serving your county, please submit all applications by **February 27, 2017**.

For a grand jury application, write, go online, or call:

**Yolo Superior Court Jury Services**

**1000 Main Street**

**Woodland, CA. 95695**

**530-406-6828**

**[www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/GrandJury](http://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/GrandJury)**