

WE WANT YOU!

**Apply to be a member of the 2021-2022
GRAND JURY!**

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE SELECTED FROM APPLICANTS WHO:

- Are citizens of the United States
- Have resided in the County of Kern for the past year
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY ARE SELECTED FROM APPLICANTS WHO: (CONT.)

- Have not served as a Grand Juror in any other county in California within the past year
- Have not been convicted of malfeasance in office or of any felony or high crime
- Are not currently serving as an elected public official

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are interested in serving on the Kern County Grand Jury, applications are available upon request at 661-868-4797 or online at:

Kerncounty.com/GrandJury

WHAT ARE GRAND JURORS REQUIRED TO DO?

- Report to the Superior Court Building four days per week, five hours per day.
- Grand Jurors serve approximately 180 days per fiscal year – July to June.
- Each Juror receives a stipend of \$30 per day plus mileage subject to change.

HOW A GRAND JUROR IS CHOSEN:

- Applicants are required to attend a Mandatory Information Overview meeting on Friday, March 5, 2021.
- At the end of the meeting, applicants will turn in a form stating they are interested in moving forward with the application process.
- Each applicant will undergo a background check and will then be contacted by a Superior Court Judge to schedule an interview.

HOW A GRAND JUROR IS CHOSEN: (CONT.)

- A committee of Judges will nominate applicants to be entered into the First Drawing. This will take place on May 27, 2021.
- An initial random drawing is conducted with all qualified applicants having an equal chance of being drawn.
- 30 names will be drawn and placed in the Final Drawing that will take place on June 17, 2021.

HOW A GRAND JUROR IS CHOSEN: (CONT.)

- Up to 19 Grand Jurors can be drawn during the Final Drawing.
- The Presiding Judge may hold over as many as ten members from the previous Grand Jury. The remaining seats are then filled from the names drawn.
- Additional names can be drawn as Alternate Grand Jurors. These persons are called to serve when a vacancy occurs during the term.

THE GRAND JURY:

- Objectively investigates, audits, or examines all aspects of Kern County government, special districts, and cities to ensure they are being effectively governed and that public monies are being handled prudently and in the best interest of the public
- May be called upon by the District Attorney to hear indictments
- May also issue an accusation against a public official that may result in their removal from office if upheld by the court

COMPLETE CONFIDENTIALITY

- α The Grand Jury is sworn to secrecy and complete confidentiality as it pertains to complaints, witnesses, or content of investigative matters.
- α They may not disclose any information they receive within the confines of the jury or the identity of anyone appearing before them, unless permission is given.
- α **THE SECRECY OF THE GRAND JURY IS FOR LIFE!!!**

**MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR
YOUR COMMUNITY AND IN YOUR
LIFE –**

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
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