

SAN MATEO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY
Recruitment and Selection Timeline and Events

The San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations of local government (which is known as the "watchdog" function; *i.e.*, a civil, rather than criminal function). The primary function of the Civil Grand Jury is to examine all aspects of county and city government (including special districts and joint powers agencies), analyze data and write reports with recommendations for improvement. The Civil Grand Jury may also investigate citizen suggestions regarding local government agencies.

<p>The Civil Grand Jury Application Period is open all year. Application and information are available online at www.sanmateocourt.org/grandjury.</p> <p>Qualifications: Any individual who has been a resident of San Mateo County for more than one year who is a citizen of the United States, is 18 years of age or older, and is of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment and good character, with sufficient knowledge of the English language and who is not an elected public official.</p> <p>Civil Grand Jury Term: One year, from July 1 through June 30.</p> <p>Time Commitment: A Grand Juror is expected to attend regular plenary and committee meetings, be an active member of two investigative committees, and participate in the investigative process (research, interviews, report writing). At times during the year, you may find yourself spending 15-20 hours per week on these activities.</p> <p>Meeting Times: Held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and run from 8:30am to approximately 2:00pm. In July (to facilitate onboarding), and again from April through June (as reports are being finalized), additional meetings may be scheduled. <i>[NOTE: For the FY 2020-21 Grand Jury, all meetings will be conducted through videoconferencing.]</i></p>	<p>OPEN NOW</p>
<p>Extended Application Deadline for the upcoming Grand Jury term starting September 1:</p>	<p>June 30</p>
<p>Applications Review Process: The Grand Jury Judge selects approximately 40-50 applicants for interviews. The judge seeks the most qualified applicants of diverse socio-economic, ethnic, educational backgrounds, as well as individuals representative of the County's geographical areas and age groups.</p> <p>Interviews are generally conducted in early May and a background check is conducted regarding applicants who are selected for the random drawing. Individuals selected for the random drawing will be notified by mail no later than July 31st. By court policy, and at the discretion of the Grand Jury Judge, up to seven members of the previous year's jury may serve a second term to provide continuity.</p>	<p>July 1 – July 31</p>
<p>Impanelment/Random Drawing/Oath of Office: Designate 19 Civil Grand Jury Members and Alternates (eleven alternates may be selected) held in Judge's courtroom, Hall of Justice, 400 County Center, Redwood City. <i>[NOTE: For the FY 2020-21 Grand Jury, the impanelment proceeding will be conducted in an online video interactive format.]</i></p>	<p>August 8 - 19</p>
<p>California Grand Jurors' Association Training: Two-day training workshop <i>[NOTE: For the FY 2020-21 Grand Jury, this training will be conducted in an online video interactive format.]</i></p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Orientation/Training for Grand Jurors and Alternates: Conducted by Grand Jury Legal Advisor <i>[NOTE: For the FY 2020-21 Grand Jury, this training will be conducted in an online video interactive format.]</i></p>	<p>Mid to Late August</p>
<p>Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration & Finance • Health & Human Services • Public Safety • Cities & Special Districts • Education • Public Works, Environmental Services, and Transportation 	

Please Note: Dates Are Subject to Change. Check Back Often.
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