

Contact Information

Santa Clara County residents are encouraged to apply for service on the Civil Grand Jury.

Resident complaints are submitted to the Civil Grand Jury and may serve as the basis for a final report.

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Those who are called to serve on the Civil Grand Jury are part of an independent arm of the Judicial Branch.

They voluntarily enter this service with interest and curiosity in learning more about the administration and operation of the government in the county in which they live in order to function as an investigatory body.



Santa Clara County

**Civil
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What is the Civil Grand Jury?

The U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment and the California Constitution call for grand juries. The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury investigates the operations of the various officers, departments, and agencies of local government, and is responsible for three main functions:

1. Civil Watchdog Agency
2. Reviewing Resident Complaints
3. Filing Accusations

Grand Jury service calls for diligence, objectivity, and courage.



Commitment and Remuneration

Service on the Civil Grand Jury requires a time commitment of approximately 25 hours per week. This can fluctuate based on a juror's involvement in committees and investigations. Each panel serves on a fiscal year basis. The exact schedule is determined by the Civil Grand Jury and includes the option for hybrid work.

Civil Grand Jurors receive a per diem payment for official grand jury business, as well as mileage reimbursement. Training, support and supplies are also provided by the Court and County.

Qualifications

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Reside in Santa Clara County for at least one year before being selected;
- Be in possession of their natural faculties, of sound judgment and good character;
- Possess a working knowledge of the English language;
- Be willing to complete a Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 within 30 days of empanelment, annually, and within 30 days of leaving office for public review;
- Not presently serving as a trial juror;
- Not having been discharged as a grand juror within one year of being selected;
- Not having been convicted of a felony or of malfeasance in office;
- Not presently serving as an elected official.

