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# EL DORADO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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## Grand Jury Time Commitment

Grand Jurors attend a weekly plenary meeting plus separate committee meetings. Additional time is spent interviewing and conducting research. Grand Jurors should expect to spend 8 hours or more per week.

## Grand Jurors are Paid

Grand Jurors are paid a \$15 per day stipend and mileage reimbursement.

## How to Apply

You can obtain a Grand Jury application at this El Dorado County website:

[www.edcgov.us/GrandJury](http://www.edcgov.us/GrandJury)

Or contact the Superior Court Administrative Analyst at (530) 621-7414.



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# JOIN THE CIVIL GRAND JURY

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## What the Civil Grand Jury Does

The Civil Grand Jury functions as a watchdog over local government operations to determine if local government can be made more efficient and effective. It may examine any aspect of county government, city government, and special districts, including public schools.

The Civil Grand Jury may inquire into complaints brought to it by members of the public. To submit a complaint, visit:

[www.edcgov.us/GrandJury](http://www.edcgov.us/GrandJury)

The California Penal Code requires the Civil Grand Jury to:

- Investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of county officers, departments or functions.
- Inquire into the condition and management of correctional institutions within the county.
- Inquire into the willful or corrupt misconduct of public officers and employees.
- Submit a public final report of its findings and recommendations before the end of its term.

## How Civil Grand Jurors are Selected

Each year El Dorado County Superior Court Judges identify qualified citizens who have volunteered to serve. County residents are encouraged to volunteer for service on the Civil Grand Jury.

A pool of qualified candidates is created who are invited to appear in the Superior Court of the Supervising Judge. The Judge selects the Foreperson prior to a random drawing by the Clerk of the Court selecting nineteen jurors and several alternates.

The new Civil Grand Jury will be nineteen jurors that may include current grand jurors carried over for an additional year. Before starting their term from July 1st to June 30th, all nineteen are sworn in and charged with their duties and responsibilities by the Supervising Judge.

## Training is Provided

All members of each new grand jury are required to attend a two-day training seminar provided by the California Grand Jurors Association.

New grand jurors also receive an orientation about the role of the grand jury and about local government.

## Desirable Qualities of a Grand Juror

- Have sufficient time and commitment.
- Be in good health.
- Have the ability to work with others.
- Be open minded with respect for the views of others.
- Have a genuine interest in community affairs.
- Have investigative skills and an ability to write reports.

## California Penal Code §893 Qualifications of Grand Jurors

- Be a citizen of the United States, 18 years or older who has resided in El Dorado County for at least one year.
- Be in possession of natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgement and of fair character.
- Possess sufficient knowledge of the English language.

### *A person cannot be a grand juror if:*

- Serving as a trial juror in any court of this state.
- Discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year.
- Convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime.
- Serving as an elected public official.