

**MARIPOSA COUNTY**  
**GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE 2020-2021**

**IMPORTANT! YOU HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY  
SELECTED AS A POTENTIAL GRAND JUROR.  
COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE BACK  
OF THIS LETTER AND RETURN TO THE COURT  
BY THE DATE INDICATED BELOW. *Thank you.***

Your name has been drawn as a prospective 2020-2021 Mariposa County Grand Juror. This jury service differs from jury duty as a trial juror. The Grand Jury is composed of 11 active panel members who meet, form committees, investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of the officers, departments and functions of the county. Service on the panel is from July 1 through June 30 and requires up to 200 hours during the fiscal year.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it **no later than May 15, 2020**. This questionnaire will assist the Judges of the Superior Court in compiling a list of nominees, which fairly represents a cross-section of our community. Your personal information is confidential and will only be used by the Judges of the Superior Court to assure that the group nominated represents various age groups, economic and social backgrounds. Your application will still be considered even though you may leave some of the questions unanswered.

Service on the Grand Jury is voluntary and should be considered a privilege. If there is anything you would like us to know feel free to attach additional information, if necessary.

*Your prompt attention to the completion and return of the questionnaire will be greatly appreciated.*

***PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE NO LATER THAN: May 15, 2020***

## **DUTIES OF THE GRAND JURY**

Grand Jurors serve a one (1) year term from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The jury panel consists of eleven (11) persons who are assigned to various committees and three (3-5) alternates. It is understood that Grand Jurors may be absent for reasonable periods for vacations. During your term as a Grand Juror you would be excused from trial jury service in the State Courts.

The Grand Jury is a time-honored component of our Anglo-American legal system. Grand Jurors are selected citizens of the County who are expected to exercise sound judgment in reviewing and commenting upon the actions of governmental agencies and returning criminal indictments.

Essentially, the Grand Jury operates as an investigative agency performing a two-fold function. First, the Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to the oversight of public offices, officers and transactions. Designated State and all County and special District agencies that serve Mariposa County are routinely reviewed and critiqued by the Grand Jury in its annual and interim reports.

Secondly the Grand Jury has powers and duties with respect to inquiry into possible public offenses, misconduct in office by public officers and determining whether to return indictments charging the commission of felonies.

The 2020-2021 Mariposa County Grand Jury selection process will be conducted May - June 2020. The process involves completing this questionnaire and being interviewed by the designee of the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Courts. After selection, the designee of the Presiding Judge will further instruct jurors of their duties. Throughout its term, the Grand Jury may request advice on legal matters from the District Attorney and County Counsel.

2020 – 2021

**MARIPOSA COUNTY GRAND JURY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY*

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)  
2. Address (Phys.): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Mail): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
If retired, previous occupation \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any physical or mental condition which would interfere with your ability to function as a Grand Juror? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain briefly \_\_\_\_\_  
What accommodations would the Court need to provide to accommodate your physical or mental impairment?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Education (Circle highest grade completed)  
6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Name of schools attended and degrees or certification attained: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS:** (Please check the appropriate box)

|    |     |   |
|----|-----|---|
| No | Yes | Are you a citizen of the United States?   |
| No | Yes | Are you eighteen years of age or older?   |
| No | Yes | Have been a resident of Mariposa County for at least one year prior to the date of this application?                        |
| No | Yes | Are you in possession of your natural faculties? Are you of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character? |
| No | Yes | Do you possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language?  |

**STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS:** (Please check the appropriate box):

|    |     |  |
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| No | Yes | Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County _____  |
| No | Yes | Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this State within one year prior to the date of this application? If Yes, County _____ |
| No | Yes | Are you currently serving as an elected public official?   |

If you answer **NO** to any **STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS** or you answer **YES** to any **STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS**, please do not answer questions 6 through 14  
And return the questionnaire in the envelope provided.

6. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong.

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7. Spouse / Domestic Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If retired, list previous occupation they retired from \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed or elected public officer of any public agency? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you currently involved in any litigation (law suits) in this county? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you or any of your immediate family members employed by the County of Mariposa or any school district within the county? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you have any suggestions, comments or other matters you would like to bring to the judges attention in connection with your application? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please tell us about any special skills or abilities that you have which the judges should know about in considering your application? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Mariposa County Grand Jury.

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14. Describe any background experience or skills you have which would be helpful to grand jury service (i.e., computer skills, leadership skills, or experience writing/editing reports, working in groups, or conducting investigations or interviews.)

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**Check one:**    ( )    **I am interested in serving on the Mariposa County Grand Jury for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and I understand the time commitment required**

                  ( )    **I am unable to serve on the Grand Jury in 2020-2021**

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO ASSIST THE JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN COMPLETING A LIST OF NOMINEES WHICH FAIRLY REPRESENTS A CROSS-SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT MAY SEEM PERSONAL ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE JUDGES THAT THE GROUP THEY NOMINATE, FROM WHICH THE FINAL NAMES WILL BE DRAWN, REPRESENTS VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

