Superior Court of California
County of Merced
627 W. 21st Street
Merced, CA 95340

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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CONFIDENTIAL PROSPECTIVE CIVIL GRAND JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

If name or address has changed, please correct here.

Name: (Mr) (Ms) (Mrs)_____
Last *First* *Middle*

Address:_____City:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____

Email Address:_____

Date of Birth:_____/_____/_____ Place of Birth:_____

BACKGROUND:

Education:

Name of High School: _____ City & State: _____

Name of College/University: _____ City & State: _____

Graduate Level:_____ City & State: _____

Field of Study:_____ Degrees earned:_____

Employment:

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Supervisor: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____

Basic Qualifications (Penal Codes 893 and 896):

I am a citizen of the United States.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I am 18 years of age or older as of July 1, 2013	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I read, write and understand English.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I have been a continuous resident of Merced County for a least one year.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I am in possession of my natural faculties; I am of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment and fair character.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I have never been convicted of any felony, misfeasance in office, or other high crime.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I have not been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within the last year.	[ ] Yes [ ] No
I am not currently serving as an elected public official.	[ ] Yes [ ] No

If the answer to any of the above is "No", please provide an explanation (you may continue on the back):

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STATEMENT

I, _____, request that my name be placed in nomination to be considered for membership on the Merced County Grand Jury for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. I understand I will be required to attend a one day orientation program for all Grand Jurors in August 2013.

I am aware that such service requires that I attend Grand Jury meetings and activities approximately 20 hours per month, consisting of a minimum of two meeting per month. In this regard, I understand that as a Grand Juror I must be flexible and able to serve some evening and weekend hours as well as work during normal business hours. I understand that it is essential that all Grand Jury members attend all general meetings and only the most pressing emergency or illnesses are acceptable reasons for absence. Reasonable vacations are permissible with appropriate notice to the Foreperson.

I declare that I will be available to serve during those day and evening hours required.

I understand that each member of the Grand Jury receives payment of fifteen dollars ($15.00) taxable for each day served from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Mileage expenses will be compensated for each mile actually and necessarily traveled on Grand Jury Business.

I have read and understood the above and state that I have no obligations which would prevent me from meeting the requirements for service on the Merced County Grand Jury.

If employed, I have the permission of my employer to meet the requirements for service on the Merced County Grand Jury.

I, therefore, request I be considered as a candidate for the Merced County Grand Jury.

_____ _____

Signature Date

OFFICIAL AFFLIATION(S):

Is your spouse, if any, employed by Merced County? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you related to or acquainted with Merced County

Superior Court Judge or any public official? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please explain _____

Are you a current or former law enforcement officer? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, which agency and dates? _____

Are you a former elected public offical? If yes, please explain [ ] Yes [ ] No

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GRAND JURY COMMITTEES:

Which Grand Jury Committee most interests you? For more information regarding Grand Jury service and the Committees of the Grand Jury see the Official Merced County Website: *www.co.merced.ca.us/Departments/Grand Jury.*

_____ Law and Justice _____ County Administration _____ Audit and Finance _____ Health, Education and Welfare

Are you willing to serve as the chairperson of one of the committees listed above? [ ] Yes [ ] No

What would you like the Grand Jury to accomplish during this term?

_____

Why? _____

COMMITMENT AND TIME REQUIREMENTS:

The Merced County Civil Grand Jury will not hear any criminal proceedings. The role of the Civil Grand Jury is to monitor local government, schools, and special districts. Investigations undertaken by the Civil Grand Jury necessitate time and effort. To be an effective participant on the Civil Grand Jury you must be willing to devote a substantial amount of time. The time requirement is generally twenty hours per month. The Grand Jury meets bi-weekly in the Merced County Administration Building, 2222 M Street, Room 310, Merced. The accomplishments of the Grand Jury depend upon the work of its committees. Committees may conduct field investigations throughout the county.

Are you willing and able to devote the amount of time as stated above to the Grand Jury? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Do you have vacation plans or business obligations that might affect your ability to fully participate in Grand Jury activities? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please indicate dates you would not be available. Prior plans will not disqualify you from Grand Jury service.

Note: Applications for Civil Grand Jury may be subject to a routine criminal background check. The results of a background check are strictly confidential.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct, and submitted in support of my application for selection as a member of the Merced County Civil Grand Jury.

Executed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at _____, California.

Signature _____

Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Survey Information

Beginning January 1, 2007, we are required to collect and summarize the following information from Grand Jury candidates. Individual names will not be included or released as part of the summary and this page will be separated from the rest of the application and will not be used in any part of the selection process.

Providing the information requested on this page is voluntary and optional. This information is requested in order to assist in recruiting a Grand Jury representing the diversity of our community.

Name: _____

Age at time of this application:

____ 18-25 ____ 45-54

____ 26-34 ____ 55-64

____ 35- 44 ____ 65- 74

____ 75 and over

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Race or ethnicity (you may select more than one category):

[ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
[ ] Asian
[ ] Black or African American
[ ] Hispanic/Latino
[ ] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
[ ] White
[ ] Other race or ethnicity (please state: _____)
[ ] Decline to answer

Previous Merced County Grand Jury Service:
Years served on Merced County Grand Jury: _____

How did you become a candidate for this Grand Jury?
____ Application
____ Nomination (by public official or other prominent person)
____ Random Draw
____ Holdover applicant from current Grand Jury

Please be sure this address shows in the window of the envelope.

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2260 "N" Street
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Attention: Executive Assistant

Rule 10.625 of the California Rules of Court, effective January 1, 2007

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April 10, 2013

Dear County Resident:

You have been randomly chosen to receive the enclosed "Confidential Grand Jury Questionnaire" and potentially serve on the Merced County Grand Jury for fiscal year 2013-2014. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope on or before Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Because of the time commitment required of Grand Jury members, service on the Grand Jury is not mandatory as it is for regular trial jury service. More information about the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Juror may be found on the Official Merced County Website, www.co.merced.ca.us select Departments and Grand Jury.

If you indicate your agreement to be considered for this service, you will be contacted to arrange a personal interview for you with one of the Superior Court Judges. The Judge will explain to you in more detail the demands of serving on the Grand Jury. You will again be given an opportunity to decline to serve.

If you choose to serve and are chosen to serve, you will find it to be a very worthwhile and educational experience. You will be afforded a chance to gain an unparalleled insight into the working of local government. More importantly, you will have the opportunity to make recommendations for the more efficient management of those governmental entities that come under the Grand Jury's purview.

If you have any questions concerning this questionnaire, please feel free to contact our Executive Assistant Brandy Bettencourt 209-725-4171. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Linda Romero Soles
Court Executive Officer