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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Hall of Justice
400 County Center, 2nd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
www.sanmateocourt.org/grandjury

2016-2017 CIVIL GRAND JURY APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION ONLINE OR PRINT CLEARLY, THEN SIGN & MAIL

Name _____ _____ _____
Last First Middle

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip +4 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Driver's License or California Identification Number _____

Pursuant to Rule 10.625 of the California Rules of Court, the following information is required for tracking statistical data.

Age Range: ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75 and over

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____

Indicate your ethnic derivation by checking one of the following:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Other Race or ethnicity; please state: _____
☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ White
☐ Decline to answer

The following questions are required by California Penal Code §893:

Are you a United States citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you at least 18 years of age? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been a resident of San Mateo County for at least the past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you in possession of your natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and of fair character? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you possess sufficient knowledge of the English language to carry out your duties as a Grand Juror? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently serving as a trial juror in any court of this state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been discharged as a Grand Juror in any court of this state within one year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently an elected or appointed public official? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain.

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony or malfeasance in office? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain.

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Last Name: _____

Employment Status: ☐ Presently Employed ☐ Not Employed ☐ Retired

If Presently Employed, Current Employer _____

Previous Employers (Past 5 Years) _____

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Occupation or Former Occupation _____

Are you a current employee of, or a former or retired employee last employed within the previous three years by, a governmental agency located within San Mateo County? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain.

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Name of Spouse/Domestic Partner _____

Occupation or Former Occupation of Spouse/Domestic Partner _____

Service on the Grand Jury is open to all qualified individuals. If you require an accommodation for a mental or physical condition (including, but not limited to, impaired hearing, eyesight, or mobility) to enable you to participate in the application process or as a Grand Juror, please describe such requested accommodations below.

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Are you willing to investigate the operations of the officers, agencies, departments, special districts, and/or joint powers authorities within San Mateo County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing and able to ask direct questions of the subjects of an investigation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any ability or experience in writing and editing, such as preparing reports, taking meeting minutes, and generating correspondence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

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Do you have any ability or experience in interviewing witnesses, gathering facts, and analyzing data? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please describe: _____

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Are you willing and able to review documents that may be complex and lengthy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Computer and Internet proficiency is necessary to participate in Grand Jury activities. Do you have the computer skills necessary to communicate with other jurors: using email (including attaching documents or files) and file sharing services (such as Dropbox or OneDrive), conducting Internet-based research, and preparing meeting minutes and reports? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Specifically, do you regularly use:

Email	☐ Yes	☐ No
Google or equivalent	☐ Yes	☐ No
Microsoft Word or equivalent	☐ Yes	☐ No
Excel or equivalent	☐ Yes	☐ No
Dropbox or equivalent	☐ Yes	☐ No

Please describe your current level of proficiency: _____

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Have you ever led or chaired an organization or subcommittee of an organization? If so, please describe your experience.

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Are you contemplating any absence from San Mateo County from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 that might interfere with your performance as a Grand Juror? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, for what period of time? Please explain.

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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). These activities require a minimum commitment of 15 to 20 hours per week. If appointed, will you be able to devote the requisite time and effort to the work of the Grand Jury? ☐Yes ☐No

What particular experience, training, or expertise would you contribute to the Grand Jury? _____

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Why do you wish to serve on the Grand Jury? _____

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Why should you be selected to serve on the Grand Jury? _____

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 Last Name: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

To assist the Grand Jury Judge in the selection of the Foreperson for the Grand Jury, and to provide information valuable to the Foreperson in setting up committees, please summarize your background and employment experience below.

Past Employment History _____

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Education _____

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Past Experience in Committee, Civic, or Volunteer Organizations _____

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Please indicate your first, second, and third preferences of the following current Grand Jury Committees:

_____ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

_____CITIES & SPECIAL DISTRICTS

_____EDUCATION

_____HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

_____PUBLIC SAFETY

_____PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, & TRANSPORTATION

The Foreperson of the Civil Grand Jury is responsible for leading the Jury, coordinating its work, and acting as its spokesperson. Would you want to serve as Foreperson? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain what you would bring to the position of Foreperson. _____

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APPLICANT STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY

I am aware that service on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury is for a twelve-month period commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and that such service will require my attendance at a minimum of two general meetings each month of the entire Grand Jury in addition to intervening portions of one or two days a week devoted to committee meetings. The total time requirement can be as much as 15-20 hours per week. Reasonable vacations are permitted. I am also aware that I will be expected to participate in an orientation program on June 17, 2016.

I hereby state that I am in good health, that I have no plans for vacation, travel, or business (other than those indicated earlier in this application) that would prevent me from serving the required amount of time.

I recognize that my attendance will be expected and may be required by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury.

I, therefore, request my name be placed on the eligible list as a candidate for the Grand Jury of San Mateo County for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

EXECUTED AT _____, CALIFORNIA, DATED: _____20 ____
City

NAME _____
Signature

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

JURY COMMISSIONER
SAN MATEO COUNTY
ATTENTION: GRAND JURY APPLICATION
400 COUNTY CENTER, 2ND FLOOR
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063-1655

APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED - APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 22, 2016

NOTE: ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON JUNE 17, 2016