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2019-20 CIVIL GRAND JURY SEEKS APPLICANTS; 23 CITIZENS EXAMINE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Civic-minded applicants are needed for the 2019-20 Civil Grand Jury of Los Angeles County. The Civil Grand Jury acts in a watchdog capacity by examining the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County. Civil grand jurors receive detailed briefings and training sessions to help them perform this important task.

The grand jury's fact-finding efforts result in written reports which contain specific recommendations aimed at identifying problems and offering recommendations for improving government operations and enhancing responsiveness. In this way, the grand jury acts as a representative of county residents in promoting government accountability.

Only five weeks remain before the November 2, 2018, application deadline. No prior jury service nor investigative skills or training are required. After being interviewed and qualified, 23 citizens will be randomly selected and trained to investigate county, city and joint-powers agencies during the one-year tenure of civil grand jury service.

Former civil grand jurors said "serving the public's interest" was their overriding reason for applying. They also said the assignment was "engaging" and "personally satisfying." Most civil grand jurors proudly say they applied because they wanted to perform their civic duty.

Civil grand jurors typically work full time, usually meeting daily in the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles. In addition to \$60 in daily compensation, civil grand jurors are also reimbursed for mileage. Ordinarily, they work 30-40 hours per week.

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Qualified applicants must be U.S. citizens, age 18 or older, who can read and speak English, and have been Los Angeles County residents for at least one year.

November 2, 2018, is the deadline to file Civil Grand Jury applications. If applicants and nominees become finalists, they are eligible for the Civil Grand Jury. The grand jury members are selected randomly by computer from the finalist group each spring. The term for the next Civil Grand Jury commences on July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Those interested in becoming a 2019-20 Civil Grand Jury member may apply by choosing one of the following options:

- Submitting an application which can be found on the Court's website at www.lacourt.org/forms/jury;
- Sending an email to mhoffman@lacourt.org;
- Calling 213- 628-7914; or,
- Writing to the Grand Jury Coordinator at: Los Angeles Superior Court, 210 W. Temple St., Room 11-506, Los Angeles 90012

Further information can be found on the Court's website at lacourt.org.

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