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2020-21 CIVIL GRAND JURY SEEKS APPLICANTS TO INVESTIGATE COUNTY AGENCIES

Civic-minded applicants are needed for the 2020-21 Civil Grand Jury of Los Angeles County. The Civil Grand Jury acts as a "watch dog" by examining various government agency operations in Los Angeles County.

The grand jury's fact-finding efforts result in written reports with recommendations for improving government operations and responsiveness. In this way, the grand jury serves as a representative of county residents to promote government accountability.

Former civil grand jurors said "serving the public's interest" was their overriding reason for applying. They also said the experience was "engaging" and "personally satisfying."

The application deadline is November 1, 2019. No prior jury service, investigative skills or training are required. In order to serve, volunteers must be U.S. citizens; at least 18 years of age; residents of Los Angeles County for at least one year; have no felony convictions; and be able to read and speak English. A committee comprised of members of the Los Angeles County bench interview the candidates.

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 begins July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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Civil grand jurors receive detailed briefings and are trained to investigate county, city and joint-powers agencies during their one-year tenure.

Civil grand jurors typically work 30-40 hours per week, usually meeting daily in the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles. In addition to their \$60 in daily compensation, civil grand jurors receive mileage reimbursement.

Those interested in becoming a 2020-21 Civil Grand Jury member may apply by:

- Submitting an application via 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 is available on the Court's website at:
<http://www.lacourt.org/division/jury/JR0223.aspx>

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