



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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## Orange County Grand Jury

- Investigate the performance of county, city, and other local agencies
- Analyze data and write reports with recommendations for improvement
- Verify that local tax dollars are spent wisely
- Decide on indictments for some criminal cases
- Examine conditions at local jails
- Look into citizen complaints about local government agencies

**Application Deadline Extended to Jan. 29, 2016!**

**Application Form & Information: [www.ocgrandjury.org](http://www.ocgrandjury.org)**

**657-622-6747**

**Term of Service: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

**Current Stipend: \$50/day, plus mileage**

### **Qualifications:**

**18 or Older**

**U.S. Citizen**

**O.C. Resident**

**Knowledge of English**

**Sound Judgment**



*The Grand Jury's role differs substantially from that of a trial jury. Up to 80% of the Orange County Grand Jury's time is spent in its civil watchdog role, investigating local government agencies. In the Grand Jury's criminal role it only participates in criminal indictment and investigation hearings, not jury trials. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.*



## 2016/2017 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY Recruitment and Selection Timeline of Events

- 10/1/2015**      **Application Period Opens** – Information and application are available online at [www.ocgrandjury.org](http://www.ocgrandjury.org) or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at 657-622-6747.
- 1/29/2016**      **Extended Application Deadline**
- 2/5/2016**      **Applicant Orientation** – 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., informational session with participants from the Court, O.C. Sheriff's Department, and Grand Jury, Central Justice Center, Jury Assembly Room (third floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
- 2/16-2/26/2016**      Judges of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee review applications and select no more than 90 of the most qualified applicants proportionately from the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
- 2/29/2016**      Jury Commissioner confirms top applicants and informs all applicants by mail.
- 3/1-3/29/2016**      O.C. Sheriff's Department conducts background investigations of top applicants.
- 4/4-4/13/2016**      Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members conduct interviews.
- 4/15-4/26/2016**      Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members select top applicants.
- 4/28/2016**      Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members meet to select 25-30 top applicants, proportionately representing the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
- 4/29/2016**      Superior Court judges vote to approve the final list of Grand Jury nominees (majority approval required).
- 5/5/2016**      Letters are mailed to all candidates; nominees' names are released for publication.
- 5/11-5/12/2016**      **Nominees Fingerprinted** – O.C. Sheriff's Department, Live Scan Office, 320 N. Flower St., Santa Ana 92703.
- 5/18/2016**      **Drawing to Designate 19 Grand Jury Members and Alternates** – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
- 5/31/2016**      Deadline for Grand Jury members to apply to be foreperson, 4:00 p.m.
- 6/6, 6/7, 6/8,  
& 6/9/2016**      **Mandatory Training for 19 Members and All Alternates** – Conducted by members of the outgoing Grand Jury and their advisors.
- 6/13-6/17/2016**      Judges interview foreperson candidates (specific date to be determined).
- 6/20/2016**      Name of Grand Jury foreperson is announced.
- 7/1/2016**      **Oath of Office Ceremony** – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.

*Dates Subject to Change*