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SERVE ON THE 2026-2027

Orange County Grand Jury

- Ensure that the performance of County, city, and other local agencies is proper and ethical!
- Improve government with your recommendations!
- Respond to citizen complaints about local government agencies!
- Issue Indictments for serious crimes!
- Make sure our local tax dollars are wisely spent!
- Evaluate conditions at our County's jails!

Application and Information: www.ocgrandjury.org

Grand Jury Hotline: 657-622-6747

Apply NOW!



Qualifications

O.C. Resident • U.S. Citizen • 18 or Older • Knowledge of English • Sound Judgment

\$50 per day stipend, plus mileage

Nineteen grand jurors will take the oath of office on July 1, 2026, for a one-year term.

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury, it is a full time assignment. About 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 participates in some criminal Indictment and investigation hearings, not jury trials. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



2026-2027 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY Recruitment and Selection Timeline

9/22/2025	Early Application Period – Information and application form will be available online, www.ocgrandjury.org , or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline, 657-622-6747.
1/16/2026	Application Deadline
1/24/2026	Letter emailed to all applicants regarding Applicant Orientation meeting.
2/6/2026	Applicant Orientation – 10:00 am -12:00 p.m., informational session with participants from the Court, O.C. Sheriff's Department, and Grand Jury at the Central Justice Center, Dept. C1, 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
2/9-2/26/2026	Judges of the Grand Jury Recruitment and Selection Committee review applications and select no more than 90 applicants, proportionately distributed from the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts. (If necessary).
2/27/2026	Jury Commissioner confirms selected candidates and informs all applicants by email.
3/2 - 3/27/2026	O.C. Sheriff's Department conducts no more than 90 background investigations.
3/30-4/17/2026	Grand Jury Recruitment and Selection Committee members conduct interviews.
4/27/2026	Grand Jury Recruitment and Selection Committee members select 25-30 candidates to proportionately represent the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
4/29 - 5/12/2026	Superior Court judges vote to approve the final slate of 25-30 Grand Jury nominees (majority approval required).
5/13/2026	Names of the 25-30 candidates to be published and all candidates notified by email.
5/14- 5/22/2026	Candidates Fingerprinted – O.C. Sheriff's Department, Live Scan Office, 320 N. Flower St., Santa Ana 92703.
5/15/2025	Drawing to Designate 19 Grand Jury Members and Alternates – 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon, at the Central Justice Center, Department C1, 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
5/26/2026	Deadline for Grand Jury Members to apply to be foreperson, 4:00 p.m.
5/28/2026	Judges interview foreperson candidates.
5/29/2026	Name of Grand Jury foreperson is announced.
6/8, 6/9, 6/10, & 6/11/2026	Mandatory Training – 19 grand jurors and all alternates attend orientation and training conducted by members of the outgoing Grand Jury and their advisors.
7/1/2026	Oath of Office Ceremony – 10:00-11:00 a.m., at the Central Justice Center, Department C1, 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.

Dates and Times Subject to Change