2027-28 PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE

TRIAL COURTS EXECUTIVE OFFICER/JURY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Please print or type. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Other _____

Name: (first)_____(middle)_____(last)
Address: _____
City: _____ State: CA Zip Code: _____
Telephone: Home: (___)_____- _____ Work: (___)_____- _____
E-mail Address: _____
Length of county residency? _____
Occupation: (if retired, what was your principal occupation)? _____
Employer: _____
Do you have a spouse, relative or friend employed by the County/City of Santa Barbara?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, which Department(s)? _____

II. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Supervisorial District? (please select one)
☐ 1. Roy Lee ☐ 2. Laura Capps ☐ 3. Joan Hartmann ☐ 4. Bob Nelson ☐ 5. Steve Lavagnino

Visit http://sbcassessor.com/ElectionDataLookup/Default.aspx to check your supervisorial district

III. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Birthplace: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____ Color of eyes: _____ Color of hair: _____
Race/ethnicity (per CA Rules of Court, Rule 10.625): ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ White ☐ Other race or ethnicity; please state: _____ ☐ Declined to answer
Vehicle license number: _____ Make and year of Vehicle: _____
Driver's license number: _____ Social Security Number: ___-___-___

IV. HEALTH

Unlike a regular jury, which sits passively while evidence is introduced, the Grand Jury actively engages in gathering data. While grand jury activities are not athletic events, investigations can become quite taxing in terms of energy as well as time.

On a scale of one to ten, ten being best, how would you rate your health?
Please select one: ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6 ○7 ○8 ○9 ○10

Do you have any limitations that will require special arrangements? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please explain: _____

V. BACKGROUND

Education

- High School: Location: _____ Grad: ☐ Y ☐ N Date: _____
- College: Name: _____ Grad: ☐ Y ☐ N Date: _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Degrees earned: _____

Employment (*you may attach a resume or additional pages*)

Please list your employer's name and address as accurately as possible. If retired, please list your last place of employment.

Job Title: _____ Employer: _____

Employer's address: _____ City/State: _____

Immediate supervisor: _____

Number of employees under your direction: _____

Starting with the most recent position (after the one above), list all related employment, military service, volunteer work or training during the past ten years.

Job Title: _____ Employer: _____

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Of your employment positions, which have given you the most satisfaction and enjoyment? Why?

Experience

Do you have any experience in the following areas:

Writing or editing reports	☐ yes	☐ no	Research	☐ yes	☐ no
Investigation/interviewing	☐ yes	☐ no	Analysis	☐ yes	☐ no
Communicate orally to groups	☐ yes	☐ no	Computers	☐ yes	☐ no

Summarize your experience:

_____

Clubs & Organizations

Please list any fraternal, civic, professional, service or social organizations or clubs of which you are or have been a member.

Organization	Past or present office held	Describe experience

Public Service

Have you served in an elected or appointed public office? ☐ yes ☐ no

When? _____ What office? _____ Where? _____

Do you regularly or occasionally attend public meetings? ☐ yes ☐ no

Which ones? _____

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Please indicate whether you or any member of your immediate family have one or more of the following situations with regard to any City, Special District or entity of Santa Barbara County Government:

1. Current litigation ☐ yes ☐ no
2. Plans to file litigation ☐ yes ☐ no
3. Perceived/potential conflict which may be a problem for you. ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes to any of the above, please explain:

_____

VII. ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

The Penal Code mandates specific qualifications for membership on the grand jury. Other factors that prior grand jurors felt were important are: 1) open mindedness, 2) a willingness to participate in and conform to group decisions, 3) industry, initiative and energy, 4) the ability to clearly communicate findings to others in both oral and written form, and 5) a general knowledge of government and how it operates.

Please indicate your areas of interest and/or experience, choose as many as you like:

☐ Audit and Finance ☐ Criminal Justice ☐ Health & Social Services
☐ Cities, Joint Powers ☐ Editorial ☐ Natural Resources
☐ Housing ☐ Education
☐ Planning & Development ☐ Special Districts

Why have you chosen these?

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VIII. JURY SERVICE

How many times have you applied for grand jury service previously? _____

Which years? _____

Have you ever served on a grand jury? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify the year and county: _____

Why are you interested in serving on the grand jury?

_____

What would you like to see the grand jury accomplish? _____

The Grand Jury Foreperson conducts weekly meetings, attends committee meetings, handles all media contacts, prepares agendas and will spend significantly more time than 25 hours per week. Considering that the Grand Jury Foreperson must have the time and energy to perform the above duties,

Would you consider being **Grand Jury Foreperson**? ☐ yes ☐ no

What are your qualifications for foreperson? _____

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IX. EXAMPLES OF INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRIES

Public requests for investigations contribute greatly to the activities of the civil grand jury. In any year, the jury may receive more such requests and complaints than can probably be addressed. Some of these may even be more properly addressed in some other available alternative for the complaining citizen, such as a civil lawsuit, etc., and other complaints may even be unjustified, not worthy of a grand jury investigation.

Even among a multitude of appropriate complaints, there are requests, cases, inquiries and complaints from citizens or groups that may have a more proper recourse than the grand jury. In those situations in which the grand jury appears to be the proper forum, the jury may choose to pursue the matter. But the grand jury will find it needs to establish reasonable priorities among the meritorious requests.

For example, suppose a letter arrived accusing certain unnamed officials in the XYZ Department of favoritism in promotions.

How would you go about distinguishing the priority of their request? Describe briefly, your approach to this situation, detailing how you might organize your inquiry, whose assistance you might seek, what records and witnesses you might pursue, etc. (*Additional page may be attached*)

X. COMMITMENT AND TIME REQUIREMENTS

The civil grand jury is not involved in hearing any criminal proceedings. Its role is to monitor County Government, Cities, Schools, or Special Districts. The grand jury has scheduling flexibility in mounting its investigations into the complex body of county and local government institutions, which necessitate the expenditure of considerable time and effort.

The amount of time required varies. To be an effective participant on the grand jury, you must be willing to devote a substantial amount of your time. This varies each week but is generally in the range of **25-30 hours**. The grand jury meets, weekly, in the Grand Jury office in the Santa Barbara Courthouse and also conducts field investigations throughout the county.

Are you willing to devote the amount of time suggested above? ☐ yes ☐ no

Are you free of lengthy vacation or business plans that might affect your availability for grand jury activities? ☐ yes ☐ no

If not free, please state plans and what dates you would be unavailable. Prior plans would not disqualify you.

If selected for grand jury service, would you be willing and able to participate *without compensation or reimbursement* in the orientation program? ☐ yes ☐ no

If selected in any of the drawings, do you consent to the release to the news media of background data contained on the application? ☐ yes ☐ no

XI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NOTE: All applications for nomination will be subject to a routine criminal background check. The results of the routine background check are strictly confidential.

XII. SURVEY

How did you learn about the opportunity to become a civil grand juror?

- ○ Santa Maria Sun
- ○ Orcutt Pioneer
- ○ Noozhawk
- ○ X
- ○ Facebook
- ○ Instagram
- ○ Court Website
- ○ KEYT
- ○ KSBY
- ○ Community Organization
- ○ Nextdoor.com

XIII. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are submitted in support of my application for selection as a member of the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury.

Executed under penalty of perjury this_____day of _____

20___, at_____, California.

Signature

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTIONS 893 AND 896
PROSPECTIVE GRAND JUROR NOMINEE

Check one: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Other _____

I, _____, maintaining my residence at
(please print full name)

_____, _____, Santa Barbara
(street address) (city)

County, California, and being a prospective grand jury nominee for the County of Santa Barbara, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States;

2. I am the age of eighteen (18) years or older;

3. I have been a resident of the County of Santa Barbara for at least one year immediately before July 1, 2024;

4. I am in possession of my natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and of fair character;

5. I possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language;

6. I am not serving as a trial juror in any court of this state;

7. I have not been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this state within one year prior to July 1, 2024;

8. I have not been convicted of malfeasance in office or any misdemeanor, felony or other high crime;

9. I am not serving as an elected public officer;

10. I will be available for Grand Jury service for the number of days required as a member of the Grand Jury.

Executed at _____, California this _____ day of _____, 20___

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Signature