



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

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**Orange County Superior Court Urgently Seeks Hispanic
& Other Minorities to Serve on the Grand Jury
The Deadline is January 31, 2001**

Santa Ana — The January 31, 2001- deadline for applications to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury is quickly approaching, and the Orange County Superior Court urgently seeks interested citizens, particularly Hispanic and other minorities, to apply immediately.

“To date the Court has received no applications from individuals identifying themselves as Hispanic. One third of Orange County’s population is Hispanic and it is important that the Grand Jury represent the breadth and diversity of the County. We strongly encourage all interested community members to submit an application ” said Frederick Horn, Assistant Presiding Judge and Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Grand Jury Hotline at (714) 834-6747 or at the Jury Commissioner’s Office, 1st floor, Room A100, Courthouse 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, California between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or through the Internet at www.oc.ca.gov/superior/

The Grand Jury is composed of 19 individuals whose names are selected by random drawing from those applicants nominated by the judges of the Superior Court. The Grand Jury serves for a one-year period and is sworn to inquire of public offenses committed or that may be tried within the county and to investigate the operations of county government. The Grand Jury also considers evidence for possible indictment of individuals for criminal felonies.

A grand juror must be 18 years of age or older, a United States Citizen and have resided in Orange County for at least one year.

Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge and background investigations including record checks of state and local law enforcement agencies are conducted by the Orange County Sheriff.

An orientation program to inform prospective grand jurors of the time and commitment involved in Grand Jury Service will be held February 8, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in Department C-1, 2nd Floor, Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. All applicants are required to attend this orientation program.

There is no guarantee that individuals applying for the Grand Jury will be nominated, but the names and qualifications of those who apply will be made available to the judges of the Superior Court for consideration in the nomination process.

For further information call (714) 834-6747

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