

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

CHAMBERS OF Thomas Nixon Presiding Judge Department 1 René C. Davidson Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94612

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via email

Brian Ford Interim Chief Probation Officer Alameda County Probation Department BRFord@acgov.org

Re: Alameda County Civil Grand Jury Nominations for the 2024-2025 Term

Dear Brian Ford,

Each year judicial officers of the Superior Court are responsible for presenting the names of civic-minded county residents to serve on the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury. The jury's primary responsibility is to examine and report on the operations of local government agencies and to investigate citizen complaints, acting as the public's watchdog.

The court seeks your assistance in securing a pool of at least 30 nominees – six from each Alameda County Supervisorial District. Ultimately, 19 jurors will be selected randomly from this pool to be impaneled as the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury for 2024-2025.

## How You Can Help

The court seeks a broad-based cross section of all communities that comprise Alameda County. Please publicize this opportunity as widely as possible:

- Distribute the following flyers:
  - <u>o</u> Civil Grand Jury Informational Flyer.pdf <u>https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/cgj-info-flyer.pdf</u>

<u>o</u> Good Grand Juror Flyer.pdf https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/cgj-good-juror-flyer.pdf

- Announce the opportunity on your webpage, with a link back to the Grand Jury's website at <a href="https://grandjury.acgov.org/">https://grandjury.acgov.org/</a>
- Promote the opportunity in meetings with civic groups. (If you have area representatives, please encourage them to add this recruitment to their issues list.)

Information about qualifications and the application process can be found online at <a href="https://grandjury.acgov.org/join-us/">https://grandjury.acgov.org/join-us/</a>

Prospective jurors should fill out the application online. Participation on the Civil Grand Jury is a significant commitment: at least two meetings per week via Zoom (Wednesday and Thursday mornings) and extra meeting days as needed.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year, however, the focus at present is to build a Grand Jury for this fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. That means staff must receive nominations no later than April 15, 2024. For questions about Grand Jury service, please email Cassie Barner at <u>Cassie.Barner@acgov.org</u> or call 510-208-9855.

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Hon. Thomas Nixon Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California County of Alameda