

TO JOIN US

You must be:

- 18 or older, a United States citizen, and resident of Marin County for at least one year
- Interested in investigating the performance of local government agencies
- Enthusiastic about the opportunity to recommend solutions to improve governance and services
- A good listener who can ask thoughtful questions
- Ready to invest at least 10 hours a week (1 investigative committee) or 20+hours/week (2+investigative committees) for one year
- Willing to ensure your investigations remain confidential
- Prepared to cooperate with 18 others to achieve a common goal
- Computer-literate

HISTORICAL ROOTS

The Grand Jury system has been used in England since the twelfth century. Grand juries were brought to America in 1635 when the Massachusetts Bay Colony empanelled the first one in the new land.

The Grand Jury system has been embedded in the California Constitution since the beginning of statehood in 1850. The Marin County Civil Grand Jury operates under this constitutional mandate, which calls for a grand jury in every county.



Apply Now

Serving on the Marin Civil Grand Jury is the experience of a lifetime. Don't miss out! You are urged to apply. Application deadline is April 22.

Applications may be downloaded:

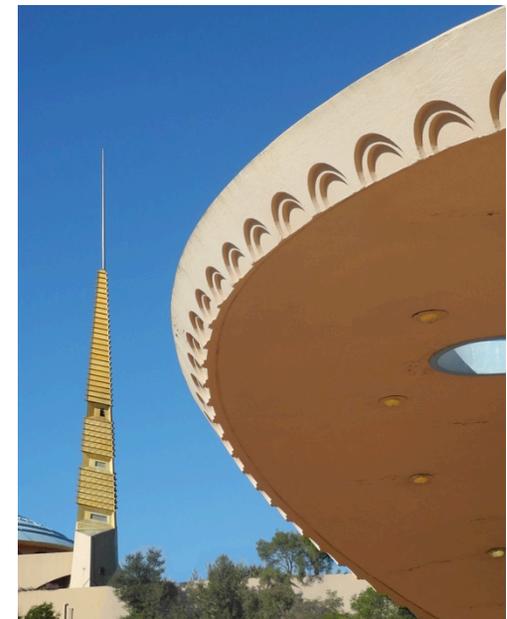
<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/how-do-i-apply>

Or by contacting:

Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903
415.473.6132

Share Your Knowledge.
Improve Our Community.

Volunteer For the Marin County Civil Grand Jury



"A Life-Changing Experience"

WHAT WE DO

The Civil Grand Jury is Marin County's only independent watchdog of government agencies and services. Composed of 19 citizen volunteers, it investigates and monitors the performance of county, city, and local governing entities, including special districts. It also has the power to make recommendations to improve local government.

Empowered by the judicial system, the Civil Grand Jury is independent of administrators, politicians, and legislators.

To see the reports issued by the Marin County Civil Grand Jury since 2000, visit the jury's web site:
<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/reports-and-responses>

THE PROCESS

Applications are accepted from all qualified citizens. Superior Court judges review the candidate applications and, through the interview process, select 30 potential jurors. A drawing is held to pick 19 jurors; those remaining are alternates.

Jurors serve for a one-year term beginning on July 1. After being sworn in, Marin County Civil Grand Jurors are provided with comprehensive training on grand jury responsibilities, local governments, and investigation and report-writing techniques. The presiding judge of the Superior Court appoints a foreperson. The Grand Jury organizes itself and investigates various departments and functions of local governments as it chooses.

Investigations can be initiated by the Grand Jury itself or suggested by citizens. The Grand Jury may respond to complaints of alleged mistreatment by officials and suspicion of misconduct. All investigatory work of the Grand Jury is confidential. A public report usually follows an investigation with recommendations that must be publicly addressed by the recipients.

Reports are issued by the Grand Jury throughout the year. Responses to reports are required from the elected officials and investigated agencies within 60 to 90 days.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Improve the quality of life in Marin County.
- Monitor the performances of county, city, special districts, and other governing entities.
- Tour and observe Juvenile Hall, the Marin County Jail, and San Quentin.
- Verify that tax dollars are spent wisely.
- Recommend ways to enhance local government operations and services.

OUR RESULTS

- ✓ 911 First Responder Programs for seniors rolled out Countywide
- ✓ Body cameras for 9 police departments deployed
- ✓ Marin County waste diversion rate increased from 45% to 72%
- ✓ An additional \$150,000 allocated for foster care improvements
- ✓ Marin County's \$300,000 "slush" fund substantially reduced

