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Juvenile Justice Commission Seeks Applicants

San Diego Superior Court is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). The Juvenile Justice Commission is a state-mandated, court-appointed citizens' commission. Its purpose is to inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in San Diego County, to provide leadership for citizen action and to promote an effective juvenile justice system operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness and respect for the youth of San Diego County. An overview is attached and additional information can be found at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.

Any interested applicants should become familiar with the mandated and elective activities of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County prior to submitting an application to the JJC's administrative officer.

The selection process includes an application, an interview with a current JJC Commissioner(s), and a final interview with the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court. Appointments are for a term of four (4) years. By law, Commissioners are paid a stipend of \$25 per meeting, with a maximum of two meetings per month. Commissioners are subject to a background investigation and finger printing.

Qualifications. Commissioners should:

- Have a personal, professional, and/or academic interest in issues related to children affected by the Juvenile Court.
- Be comfortable working as part of a diverse, multidisciplinary team.
- Have the skills necessary to gather and analyze information objectively; read and understand policies and procedures; read, write, and evaluate written reports; and interview youth and juvenile justice professionals.

Applications are available on the San Diego Superior Court's website. Go to www.sdcourt.ca.gov and select "Juvenile" and then "Juvenile Justice Commission," or [click here](#). **The deadline for submission is April 12, 2019.**

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

OVERVIEW

Legal Authorization

The Juvenile Justice Commission is created in California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 225 through 231.

Primary Duties of the Juvenile Justice Commission

- To annually inspect all publicly administered juvenile institutions, including Juvenile Hall and Ranch facilities, and to inspect annually any jail lockup within the County that is used for the confinement of any minor for more than 24 hours, and to report the results to the Juvenile Court and county (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 229).
- To inquire into the operation of any group home in the County that serves wards or dependent children of the Juvenile Court in order to review the safety and well-being of the wards and dependent children (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 229.5).
- To inquire into the administration of juvenile justice in a broad sense including, but not limited to, the operations of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Social Services Agency, and any other agency involved in juvenile delinquency or dependency (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 229).
- To make recommendations to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and to send copies of the recommendations to designated county departments.

Time Commitment

Commissioners will be asked to arrange for their own travel to meetings, inspections, and other activities. Many of the activities in which commissioners must participate occur during traditional business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm). This includes monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, and inspections. Prospective commissioners who are employed are encouraged to discuss membership on the JJC with their employer prior to applying to ensure that they will have the flexibility to balance professional obligations and their commitment to the JJC.

Compensation

Members of a juvenile justice commission shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25) per meeting, not exceeding two meetings per month (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 231).

Background Investigation

Prospective Juvenile Justice Commissioners shall be subject to a criminal history background check and fingerprint scan. Convictions, depending upon the type, number, and how recent, may be disqualifying.

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