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# Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission Seeks Volunteer Members

Sacramento, CA—Applicants are currently being sought to volunteer to serve on the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission.

The Juvenile Justice Commission was created in the California Welfare and Institutions Code to oversee the juvenile court system and inspect facilities to ensure compliance with the law.

"Serving as a volunteer on the Juvenile Justice Commission is a unique opportunity to serve Sacramento County, ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable youth in our community," said Judge Kristina B. Lindquist, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

The commission consists of seven to 15 community volunteers, appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the approval of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court. Two of these members are for youth aged 14 to 21.

### Primary Duties of the Juvenile Justice Commission

- To inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in Sacramento County and to make appropriate recommendations.
- To inspect all publicly administered facilities housing children or youth under the jurisdiction of the Sacramento Juvenile Court, including the Youth Detention Facility.
- To provide a written annual report to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and Office of Youth and Community Restoration.

### **Time Commitment**

The Juvenile Justice Commission participates in many activities during traditional business hours, including monthly meetings and inspections. Prospective commission members are encouraged to discuss membership with their employer before applying to ensure that they will have the flexibility to balance professional obligations and their commitment to the commission. Applicants for youth member positions should discuss this with their parents or guardians prior to applying.

## **Selection Process**

The selection process includes an application and an interview with current members of the Juvenile Justice Commission. The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court decide whether to appoint applicants to the commission. Appointments are generally for a term of four years. However, appointments may be made to fill mid-term vacancies, which are a shorter period of time.

To apply for an appointment with the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission, please visit the court's website and apply at <u>https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/juvenile/delinguency/jjdpc/jjdpc.aspx</u>.

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