

Citizen Complaints

The Grand Jury receives complaints from Tulare County citizens concerning a variety of grievances. These complaints are assigned to one of the standing committees for action.

The Grand Jury may refuse to act on a complaint, particularly if the matter is under judicial review, appears to be more appropriate for action by another agency, or it is out of the Jury's purview. Grand Jury investigation reports (regarding complaints) are submitted to the entire jury with recommendation for action. A quorum of 12 jury members must approve the report. Some complaints may remain open for action by the following Grand Jury as deemed appropriate.

Submission of Complaint

Complaints should be in writing and legible. All normal attempts to resolve the problem should have been taken prior to the submission of the complaint. When these efforts have been proven unsuccessful, a complaint form should be prepared and submitted. These complaint forms may be requested and obtained from the Grand Jury office and this Web Site.

Content of Complaint

The complaint form available from the Grand Jury is designed to help an individual supply pertinent data regarding the reason for the complaint. It is easy to fill out and asks for information that is vital in helping the Grand Jury resolve the problem.

1. Identify yourself with your full name, correct mailing address and a phone number where you can be contacted during office hours.
2. Identify the nature of your complaint.
3. Identify all the people involved and how they might be contacted.
4. If needed, the location of the occurrence that precipitated your complaint.
5. Furnish originals or copies of documents and / or recordings that may support your allegation. (*according to Ca. Evidence Code 140 all submitted documents & recordings are evidence and will not be returned*)
6. Be specific in reporting the reasons for you claim. Avoid making broad statements.

Confidentiality

The *complainant's identity is rigorously guarded* and the Grand Jury is forbidden, by law, to release any information about investigations.

You will receive written acknowledgment of this complaint after it is received and reviewed by the Grand Jury . This acknowledgment will be mailed to the address on the form.

Citizen Complaint Form

All complaints submitted to the Grand Jury are held in the strictest confidence

Tulare County Grand Jury

5963 So. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
Phone: (559) 624-7295
Fax: (559) 733-6078

Date: _____

1. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Res. Phone _____

Res. Address (City/Zip) _____

Work Location _____ Bus. Phone _____

2. PERSON OR AGENCY ABOUT WHICH THE COMPLAINT IS MADE:

Name/Agency: _____

Location or Address: _____

Phone: _____ Person in Charge (if agency): _____

3. OTHER PERSONS OR AGENCIES YOU HAVE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM:

Agency and Location Approximate Date of Contact

4. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROBLEM (Include names and dates of events, and agencies involved)

(Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

5. PLEASE SUBMIT COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE AND / OR DOCUMENTS REGARDING YOUR COMPLAINT AND THE NUMBER OF PAGES SUBMITTED WITH YOUR COMPLAINT. (PAGES \ ATTACHMENTS)

6. PERSONS YOU THINK SHOULD BE CONTACTED:

Name and Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Reason to Contact: _____

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Address: _____

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Address: _____

Reason to Contact: _____

7. ACTION WHICH YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE:

Excerpt from the Grand Juror's Oath:"...I will keep my counsel, and that of my fellow Grand Jurors and of the government, and will not, except when required in the due course of judicial proceedings or authorized by statute, disclose the testimony of any witness examined before the Grand Jury, nor anything which I or any other Grand Juror my have said, nor the manner in which I or any other Grand Juror may have voted on any matter before the Grand Jury..."