

Attachment to Application:

If applying as a Youth Commissioner candidate, please complete the following:

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Principal: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of Counselor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Hours attend school: _____

Are you employed? (Circle one) Yes No If “yes,” please provide the following information:

Name of Employer: _____ Phone: () _____

Name of Supervisor: _____ Phone: () _____

Hours and days of the week you work: _____

Recognizing that involvement with the Commission requires attendance at meetings, inspections and functions, what means of transportation do you have?

Do you participate in any school activities requiring out-of-school hours? _____

If “yes,” please describe: _____

I understand the time required to fully participate as a Youth Juvenile Justice Commissioner and will be available for full participation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications for Membership - Please see below:

The Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission is mandated by State law and consists of fifteen sworn Commissioners appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. It is the duty of the Commission to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court Law as applied in Orange County. The Commission can hold public hearings and require testimony, as well as request subpoenas if necessary.

As part of these responsibilities, commissioners inspect all of the county-operated juvenile institutions holding youth in both the criminal and dependency systems; facilities such as Juvenile Hall, Probation program facilities, the main jail, all police facilities and the sheriff; as well as Orangewood Children’s Home, group homes and foster homes. Findings may be reported to the facility inspected, the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Chief Probation Officer, County Welfare Director, or the State Department of Social Services, to resolve any problems or to submit a plan of action.

Other duties of the Commission include, but are not limited to, receiving and reviewing more than 1,000 items of correspondence per year, and interviewing professionals within the system, department heads, members of the public and wards and dependents, community-based resources, and members of the media as appropriate. The Commission conducts studies, investigations and reviews into matters pertaining to juvenile court law administration/systems. Commissioners participate with other County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commissioners providing training and exchange of information. The Commission also interfaces with the State Board of Corrections and the Department of Youth Authority.

The commission publishes booklets at no cost to the County or the public pertaining to Juvenile Court Law (rights and responsibilities and dependency court functions) and distributes to schools, individuals, police departments, community-based resources and other interested parties.

The Commissioners participate in collateral functions, committees and advisory boards as contained in the published Annual Report. There are seven (7) standing committees and eighteen (18) liaison/collateral functions. Traditionally, commissioners contribute more than 4,500 hours of donated services and several thousand miles of unreimbursed travel.

As required by law, the Commission conducts two public meetings per month, gathering testimony from agency heads and members of the public and community-based resources. The Commission meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Commission publishes and distributes minutes (county-wide) of these meetings. Thanks to the support of the county, the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission is viewed to be the most productive in the State of California.

Background Investigation:

A criminal record check will be required on all prospective commission candidates. By signing this application, the candidate acknowledges this requirement and authorizes this and any other investigation deemed necessary for the evaluation of suitability.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send completed applications to: Administrative Officer
Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission
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Orange, CA 92868