



## CA-Northern District Court: Juror Questionnaire

Thank you to all our prospective jurors!

**To facilitate the jury selection process, please provide the requested information. The only purpose of this questionnaire is to determine whether, if selected as a juror, you could fairly and impartially decide this case based solely on the evidence presented at trial and the instructions about the applicable law that will be given by the Court. You should answer with your true feelings, whatever they may be. If there is any reason why you might not be able to give both sides a fair trial in this case, it is important to say so.**

**The completed questionnaire will be shared with the judge, attorneys, parties to the case, and others—but only upon express order of the Court.**

**Please answer each question as fully as you can. Your complete honesty is essential. Do not leave any questions blank. If a question does not apply to you in any way, write "N/A" (for "not applicable"), rather than leaving the question blank. If you do not understand the question, please write that in the space for the answer. If you feel the answer is too personal, please say so in the space provided. You will have the opportunity to discuss your answer privately.**

**You are instructed not to discuss this case or questionnaire with anyone, including your family or fellow jurors. It is also important that you do not engage in any research such as searching for stories or reports on the internet or social media about this case or anyone or anything to do with it. You must not read or listen to any media accounts whether in a newspaper, on the internet, on television, or on the radio. Do not discuss or post anything about this case on any electronic or social media, including Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, Reddit, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, TikTok, email, text message, any blog, website or chat forum or any other media of any kind.**

**Upon completion, please type your name on the last page where indicated. Your answers will be given the same effect as a statement given to the Court under oath.**

**Thank you for your time and candor.**



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### Basic information about you

\* 1. Your full name (first and last)

\* 2. Your age

\* 3. What city or town do you live in?

\* 4. How many years have you lived there?

\* 5. Where were you born?

\* 6. Can you do the following fluently in English? Click all the apply.

- Speak
- Write
- Read
- None of the Above

\* 7. Do you have a physical and/or mental disability or impairment that would make it difficult for you to perform jury service?

- No
- Yes. Please explain:



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### Information about your work & education

\* 8. What is your current employment status? (Please select as many as apply)

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Unemployed - looking for work
- Unemployed - not looking for work
- Homemaker
- Full-time student
- Retired
- Disabled

\* 9. What is your occupation? (If not currently employed, please name your most recent prior occupation and length of unemployment.)

\* 10. Who is (or was) your employer and how long have you worked for this employer (or how long did you work there)? Or enter "none" if not applicable.

\* 11. Please answer the following about your education, or enter 'none' if not applicable:

What is the highest level of education you completed?

What college and/or vocational schools have you attended?

What was your major area of study?



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### Information about your household

\* 12. Please list the occupation/employer of your spouse, partner, and/or any other adults who live with you. (If you do not live with other adults, please enter "none.")

\* 13. If you have children, please list their age(s) and occupation/employer if appropriate. (If you do not have children, please enter "none.")



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### Previous jury service

\* 14. If you have served on a jury in the past, was there anything about that experience that would influence you in this case?

- Not applicable; I have not served on a jury in the past.
- No, my prior jury service would not influence me in this case.
- Yes, my prior service would influence me in this case. Please explain:



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### Background questions

\* 15. Have you or has anyone close to you ever been involved in any kind of criminal prosecution or civil lawsuit, either as a plaintiff, defendant, or witness?

- No
- Yes. Please explain:

\* 16. Have you or has anyone close to you ever been the victim of any kind of crime?

- No
- Yes. Please explain the crime and the circumstances:

\* 17. Have you or has anyone close to you worked in the criminal legal system, including as a judge, prosecutor, defense lawyer, federal or state law enforcement or investigative agency, correctional agency, probation officer, court staff member, or in any other role?

- No
- Yes. Please explain, and include whether this might lead you to favor or disfavor the prosecution or the defense in a criminal case:

\* 18. If a law enforcement officer testifies, would their occupation make you more or less likely to believe their testimony?

- I would be *more* likely to believe their testimony.
- I would be *less* likely to believe their testimony.
- I would judge their testimony in the same way that I would judge testimony from non-law enforcement witnesses.

If you would be more or less likely to believe their testimony, please explain:

\* 19. Which of the following statements best describes your view regarding criminal law in the United States as it relates to **people accused of crimes**?

- The law provides an appropriate level of protection for people accused of crimes.
- The law does not provide enough protection for people accused of crimes.
- The law provides too much protection for people accused of crimes.
- I don't know / I have no opinion.

If you believe the law provides too much or not enough protection, please explain.

\* 20. Which of the following statements best describes your view regarding criminal law in the United States as it relates to **victims of crimes**?

- The law provides an appropriate level of protection for crime victims.
- The law does not provide enough protection for crime victims.
- The law provides too much protection for crime victims.
- I don't know / I have no opinion.

If you believe the law provides too much or not enough protection, please explain:

\* 21. If selected as a juror, the judge will instruct you that the law states that a defendant has a right not to testify in their own defense and that you may not draw any inference from a defendant's decision not to testify. If a defendant chooses not to testify in their own defense, would you hold the defendant's decision against them?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

If Yes or Maybe, please explain:

\* 22. If selected as a juror, the judge will instruct you that the Government has the burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. If selected as a juror, would you follow the judge's instruction without looking to the defendant to prove their own innocence?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Please explain. How do you feel about the fairness of the legal principle that presumes a defendant innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt?

\* 23. The defendant(s), witness(es), or lawyers in this case may be of a different race, color, religious belief, national ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, or economic circumstances from you. You will be instructed that you should not be influenced by any of these factors. Do you believe that you will be influenced by any of these factors?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Please explain if you could follow such instructions as a juror in this case.



\* 24. Do you have any religious, political, philosophical, or moral views that would make it difficult or inappropriate for you to serve as a juror in a criminal case, which requires you to judge a person's guilt?

Yes

Maybe

No

Please explain:



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### Case-specific questions

#### **This case is about [describe general facts of case]**

\* 25. Have you seen, read, or heard anything about this case specifically, or the allegations in this case?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

If yes or maybe, please describe what you (may) have seen, read, or heard:

\* 26. This trial is scheduled to run from approximately [date] to approximately [date]. The Court understands that jury service imposes a burden on jurors but is nonetheless an important civic duty. Is there anything about your health, life circumstances, or upcoming schedule that would make it exceptionally difficult for you to serve as a juror during that time period?

*\*\*Please note, if you are found to be not available for this case, you will not be excused entirely but may simply be moved to a different date.\*\**

- No
- Yes. Please explain:

\* 27. In this case you may hear testimony involving [guns / drugs / domestic violence / immigration]. Is there anything about this subject matter that creates a question in your mind as to whether you can be a fair, objective, and impartial juror in this case?

- No
- Yes. Please explain:

\* 28. Is there anything about the subject matter of this case, or the points covered in this questionnaire, or anything else, which creates a question in your mind as to whether you can be a fair, objective, and impartial juror in this case?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

If yes or maybe, please explain:



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### Final questions and juror oath

\* 29.

Is there anything additional you would like the judge in this case to know?

- No
- Yes. Please explain.

\* 30. Did you complete this questionnaire on your own without the assistance of others?

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain the type of assistance (example: help reading, translation, etc.)

\* 31. JUROR'S OATH:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that my answers set forth in this Jury Questionnaire are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will not discuss the information with anyone, including on social media, or do any research on the information, names, or any other aspect of the case, including online. I have not discussed my answers with anyone else or received assistance in completing the questionnaire, except as noted above.

Your name:

Today's date: