

Superior Court of California County of Marin

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Dear Prospective Juror:

We expect you have concerns about jury duty during these unprecedented times. Please be assured that we are doing everything in our power to postpone jury trials during the current state of emergency. However, some cases must proceed to jury trial even during the current state of emergency.

The right to a jury trial dates back more than 800 years to the Magna Carta. Our nation's founders considered the right so important that they listed it in our Declaration of Independence, citing it as an important ground for the formation of our nation. The right is also embedded in our Constitution, and is what separates our judicial system from most others. To this end, your participation is vital. Without fair minded citizens' participation, the right is lost and our judicial system fails.

Your health and safety are equally important, and we have taken steps to make the court environment as safe as possible for all jurors and court participants using guidelines from public health, the State of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the CDC. Please visit the court's website at www.marincourt.org for a description of the safety precautions taken by the court.

Finally, you are lawfully permitted to attend court for jury duty. When you come to court for jury duty, you will not be in violation of any shelter-in-place order.

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