



# Contra Costa County Juvenile Justice Commission

***Are you interested in being involved in your community by providing citizen oversight for youth who are caught up in the juvenile justice system or placed in congregate care (i.e., group homes)? Joining the all-volunteer Contra Costa County Justice Commission is a rewarding opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth!***

**PURPOSE:** The Commission's purpose, as defined by state law, is to be a public conscience in the best interest of justice for youth in the county.

**WHAT WE DO:** The Commission reports to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for the county and makes recommendations to the Probation Department related to public policy regarding in-custody and at-risk youth. Our primary responsibility is to provide citizen oversight of the juvenile justice system, which includes inspecting juvenile hall, police departments holding youth, and group homes in the county.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND COMMITMENT:** You must be a Contra Costa County resident to be considered for appointment to the Commission, and you cannot be a current employee of the County. Commissioners must be willing to attend a monthly Commission meeting and will be expected to help conduct between four to six weekday inspections of juvenile institutions throughout the year with another Commissioner.

**HOW TO APPLY OR LEARN MORE:** The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM at the Walnut Creek Superior Court, Department 38, 640 Ygnacio Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA. Feel free to come and observe our public meetings.

Applications are always accepted for Commissioner vacancies. To apply, please visit <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/2335/Juvenile-Justice-Commission>. Following a successful interview with members of the Commission, qualified candidates will be reviewed by the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge for an appointment to the Commission.