

What You Can Expect to Learn:

- An overview of criminal justice process.
- The roles of law enforcement, prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and probation officer in a criminal case.
- Diversity and racial issues within the framework of the criminal justice system.
- Perceptions of disparity in the criminal justice system.
- How you can have a positive impact on the criminal justice system.

To apply visit:

www.sacda.org

(Under Community Relations)

Application Deadline:

March 22, 2022

Qualifications:

You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Sacramento County.

For Questions

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For additional information about these agencies visit:

Sacramento District Attorney's Office

[http://www.sacda.org/](http://www.sacda.org)

Sacramento County Superior Court

<http://www.saccourt.com/>

Sacramento City Police Department

<http://www.sacpd.org/>

Sacramento County Probation

<http://www.probation.saccounty.net>

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

<http://www.sacsheriff.com/>



Virtual Citizens Academy

April 5, 2022 to June 14, 2022



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What is Citizens Academy?

Citizens Academy is a FREE 10-week course designed to improve communication, foster a better understanding and develop relationships between members of the criminal justice system and our citizens, including those from different ethnic, cultural and faith-based communities.

The Mission & Vision of Citizens Academy

The **Mission** is to provide information and resources, mutual learning, critical analysis of issues, and exchange of ideas and perspectives.

The **Vision** is to achieve improved relationships and communication between diverse communities and the criminal justice system.



A first of its kind, there are several unique components to the *Citizens Academy*:

- A broad range of class topics and discussion.
- A diverse group of speakers and participants.
- Field trips to the court house, county jail, and officer ride-alongs - **TBD**

Spring 2022 Class Tentative Schedule & Topics:

Day and time

Tuesdays at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Week 1: Introduction to Law Enforcement Agencies in Our Community

Week 2: The Role of the District Attorney: Anatomy of a Prosecution & Special Challenges for California Prosecutors

Week 3: “Can We Talk?” - Understanding Use of Force

Week 4: Seek Justice. Serve Justice. Do Justice. - Discussion of Sensitive Current Events

Week 5: The Hypothetical Case: Anatomy of a Criminal Case “The Big Picture”

Week 6: CSI Today – On Scene Investigations, Crime Lab Analysis

Week 7: Specialized Areas of Prosecution

Week 8: Federal Criminal Justice System, Recently Passed Initiatives and Laws

Week 9: Community Focus and Gangs

Week 10: “*Outside the Box*” Approach to the Justice System

What Do Citizens Academy Graduates Say...

“It’s a wonderful program, we found out about it through Nextdoor. It helps educate you and get you involved. It bridges the gap between the community and law enforcement.” - Sylvia Franklin

“I loved how open everyone was, it was very transparent. We also loved the Sheriff Department ride along and the different tours we got to take.” - Jenny Franklin



“I really enjoyed this program. As a college student, I wanted to be a part of the law enforcement program and I think this program gave me a better understanding of the District Attorney, the Defense Attorney, and law enforcement.” - Zabrina Torres

“The Citizens Academy provided an informative, candid and revealing look at the inner workings of our law enforcement and criminal justice systems. We learned from knowledgeable insiders and were given a unique, behind-the-scenes view of the challenges they face every day. Every class was fascinating.” - Joe Selewicz



2019 Citizens Academy Graduates