Virtual Citizens Academy
April 6, 2021 to June 8, 2021

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 12, 2021

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/

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/

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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.

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

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 2021 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”

Fieldtrip: Sacramento Police Department’s Communications Center - TBD

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

Fieldtrip: Virtual Tour of District Attorney’s Office, Sacramento County Jail, Sacramento Superior Court, and the Public Defender’s Office - TBD

Week 7: Specialized Areas of Prosecution

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

Fieldtrip: Sacramento Youth Detention Facility Virtual Tour - TBD

Week 9: Community Focus and Gangs

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