

**Superior Court of California
County of Solano**

Rule 11 – Jury Management

11.1 DISCRETION TO EXCUSE JURORS FOR UNDUE HARDSHIP

a. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The jury commissioner or their designee shall have the authority and discretion to excuse prospective jurors for reasons of undue hardship pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.1008, subdivision (d)(1), (5), (6), and (7).

(Subd. (a) adopted effective July 1, 2018.)

b. **DISCRETION TO GRANT CERTAIN EXCUSES FOR UNDUE HARDSHIP**

The person designated per subdivision (a) above may grant an excuse from jury service to a prospective juror on the ground of undue hardship as follows:

1. If the prospective juror has no reasonably available means of public or private transportation to the court, the excuse may be granted upon the prospective juror submitting sufficient written verification to the court in the manner directed by the court.
2. If the prospective juror has a physical or mental disability or impairment, not affecting that person's competence to act as a juror, that would expose the potential juror to undue risk of mental or physical harm, the excuse may be granted upon the prospective juror submitting sufficient written verification to the court in the manner directed by the court. If the prospective juror is under the age of 70, the person designated per subdivision (a) above may also require that the prospective juror furnish verification or a method of verification of the disability or impairment, its probable duration, and the particular reasons for the person's inability to serve as a juror.
3. If the prospective juror's services are immediately needed for the protection of the public health and safety, and it is not feasible to make alternative arrangements to relieve the person of those responsibilities during the period of service as a juror without substantially reducing essential public services, the excuse may be granted upon the prospective juror submitting sufficient written verification to the court in the manner directed by the court.
4. If the prospective juror has a personal obligation to provide actual and necessary care to another, including sick, aged, or infirm dependents, or a

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child who requires the prospective juror's personal care and attention, and no comparable substitute care is either available or practical without imposing an undue economic hardship on the prospective juror or person cared for, the excuse may be granted upon the prospective juror submitting sufficient written verification to the court in the manner directed by the court. If the request to be excused is based on care provided to a sick, disabled, or infirm person, the person designated per subdivision (a) above may require the prospective juror to furnish verification or a method of verification that the person being cared for is in need of regular and personal care.

(Subd. (b) adopted effective July 1, 2018.)

c. OTHER REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE DUE TO UNDUE HARDSHIP

If a prospective juror seeks an excuse from jury service on a ground of undue hardship set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 2.1008, subdivision (d)(2), (3), or (4), the prospective juror shall report per their jury summons and shall submit their request to the judicial officer hearing the case.

(Subd. (c) adopted effective July 1, 2018.)

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