

JUROR SOURCE LISTS

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I would like to know if all counties are using source lists from the DMV and Voter's Registration. We are having difficulties with duplicate summons because our voter department is unable to provide us with driver license numbers. We currently use Jury Systems Inc. (JSI) and without this information JSI is unable to remove duplicates from the list. CCP 197 does not say we must use both lists. Please let me know if you are only using one source list. Thank you.

1	Lupe Castaneda	Santa Clara County uses both and we also have an issue with duplicates.
2	Sherry Spears	In Fresno, we use both DMV and Voter Reg and if the juror is in there twice it's because there is a difference in the information within the separate agencies, different name spellings, different dates of birth are the most common reason. We tell the juror that they need to correct the difference at the source since we get our records twice a year. Changing in JSI won't change how we get their information in the future. You might want to check with Sandi and Kato at JSI, they do a great job explaining and their merge/purge does find duplicates, but Bill and William or Sue and Susan aren't considered duplicates.
3	Margaret Sackrider-White	Alpine, yes, we use both lists and as such have duplicates which we try to identify and remove manually. Another and larger problem is that we live in a rural/resort community and many, many of the DMV source names are simply transient workers who are here today, gone tomorrow. Thus, a large portion of our summons are returned "addressee unknown".
4	Esperanza Esparza	Del Norte also has a problem with duplicates but it is usually because there is a difference in the information from both source lists, for example date of births differ or the sequence in the name is different. JSI has been great to try and remove most duplicates but we still deal with a few.
5	Debbie Cravea	In Napa we also have a duplicate issue... We use the DMV and Voters, and we only update once a year. Besides what is noted with Fresno...one of our issues is different addresses. A person can be in same load twice with different addresses, and they are frequently summoned twice. We are working on a way to try and manually thin these down, because JSI is unwilling to remove them during the merge/purge process. I would have to say that dealing with duplicates is a big issue and can be very frustrating for both the juror and jury staff. We would be interested in how other counties deal with their duplicate issues.
6	Bea Gin	San Joaquin uses both lists as well and we do have a problem with duplicates.
7	Diana Gifford-Tuggle	In Shasta we use both data sources. JSI does an outstanding job with the merge/purge. Most of our duplicates come from Voter Registration due to errors on the date of birth, and of course with the name abbreviations (William vs Bill, etc). When we get a call from the juror, we let them know what the duplication error is and request they handle with Voters. We explain to our jurors at orientation that if there is any difference in their name, address or date of birth, they may receive a duplicate summons.
8	Cathi Scamara	San Luis Obispo is exactly the same as Shasta.
9	Rose Hamblin	Kings County uses both lists and deals with numerous duplicates. We refer the juror to voter registration to update their information to match their DMV record.
10	Shana Simpson	Sacramento is the same as Fresno

11	Carol Sharek	In Tehama County, we use both DMV and Voter Registration and have problems with duplicate names. We also tell the juror call the source and make correction.
12	Edwina Harper	In Yolo County the Voter Registrar's office tries to include the driver's license number, which JSI uses as an additional filter. Otherwise, we give our jurors with duplicate records with the same instructions as Kings County.
13	Dolores Curiel	Same for Merced.
14	Sabra Forbes	Solano County uses both and also has issues with duplicates.
15	Debbie Jurevich	San Benito County is the same as Kings County.