## **JUROR QUESTIONNARIES COMPLETED**

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I need to know how long the court needs to keep the questionnaires completed by jurors who were not selected. They typically keep the questionnaires with the exhibits for the trial. Once the trial ends, Court Services keep all exhibits for only 90 days, unless other arrangements are made with the attorneys. At the end of the 90 days, all questionnaires for non-seated jurors are destroyed.

I know that according to CCP207(c), jury records are to be kept for three years, but I do not know whether this same code would apply for the questionnaires that are kept with the trial records from the courtroom.

CCP 207(c) provides that it is three years. In death cases, it's part of the appellate record. (CRC 8.610(a)(1)(P).)

(c) All records and papers maintained or compiled by the jury commissioner in connection with the selection or service of a juror may be kept on an electronic or microfilm medium and such records shall be preserved for at least three years after the list used in their selection is prepared, or for any longer period ordered by the court or the jury commissioner.

1 Arlene Cervantes	Riverside has also encountered this same question/concern for non-seated juror questionnaires. Because the code is not clear as to "questionnaires", we choose to error on the side of caution, and keep the questionnaires for three years, along with our other jury mail (pursuant to CCP 207 (c)).