The Conviction Review Committee of the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office investigates claims of actual innocence exclusively and retains complete discretion to deny an application for conviction review.

Requirements: In order to qualify for a conviction review by the Riverside County District Attorney, the case and applicant must meet the following criteria:

a. The conviction must have occurred in the Superior Court, County of Riverside;
b. The conviction must not be based on a guilty plea or confession, unless there is a significant showing of coercion or lack of voluntariness;
c. The applicant must be in custody, serving time on the sentence imposed for the asserted wrongful conviction;
d. The conviction must be for a violent and/or serious felony as listed in Penal Code sections 667.5(c) or 1192.7(c), or a felony with a significant sentence or a significant collateral consequence;
e. The application for review must be based on credible and verifiable evidence of innocence;
f. The application must not be based solely on asserted legal error or ineffective assistance of counsel; and

g. The applicant agrees to fully cooperate with the District Attorney’s Office, which includes providing disclosure of all relevant information during the review process.

h. Any other case where the office determines that justice requires review.

Information Needed: The applicant or his or her representative must complete the form above and below in order to make a conviction review request (additional pages may be used if necessary):

Description of Applicant’s Claim of Innocence: ________________________________

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Provide a brief summary of the proof that exists supporting applicant’s claim of innocence (attach any relevant documentation such as declarations, reports, or testimony): _____________

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Has this claim of innocence been considered by another entity or organization such as an Innocence Project, the ACLU, or a habeas or appellate attorney? Please identify: ____________
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Do you give us permission to discuss your case with the innocence project with whom you previously discussed your claim?
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Was DNA used to convict applicant, or is DNA available? If so, explain: _________________
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List all case numbers from state or federal appeals and habeas corpus proceedings: __________
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Additional Relevant Information: __________________________________________________
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Return the completed application and all other relevant information to the following address via U.S. Mail, fax, or email (please do not send original documents):

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Conviction Review Committee
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Riverside, CA  92501
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