



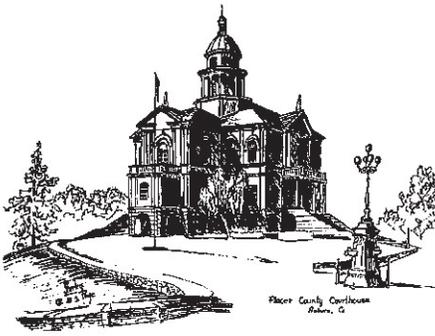
# PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

## Response to the 2016-2017 FINAL REPORT

November 20, 2017

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November 20, 2017

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The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
Advising Grand Jury Judge, Superior Court  
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*And Citizens of Placer County*

**Subject: Responses to 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report**

Dear Judge Pineschi, Judge Nichols, and Citizens of Placer County:

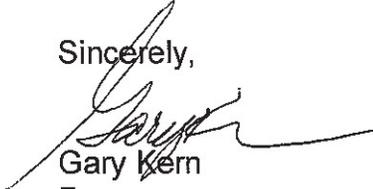
The 2017-2018 Placer County Grand Jury has received and reviewed all of the responses to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report.

All of the responses received by the Grand Jury, between the Final Report's release date of June 2017 and November 2017 have been assembled and published in this Response Report.

The reports are being published primarily in electronic form and are available on the Superior Court's Placer County website at [www.PlacerGrandJury.org](http://www.PlacerGrandJury.org). Hard copies are being distributed only if requested.

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Sincerely,



Gary Kern  
Foreperson

2017-2018 Placer County Grand Jury

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## **California Public Records Act Placer County's Compliance with the CPRA**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. A path to making a CPRA request is not intuitive. Filing of a public records request can be difficult.
- F2. The non-centralized approach to receiving and responding to public records requests appears to speed up the response time and contributes to Placer County's compliance with the law but does not provide for tracking or monitoring compliance with all CPRA requirements.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- R1. Placer County change its website for locating information on how to request public records. Specifically, a link titled "Public Records" should be added to the homepage tab entitled "How do I..."/"Request."
- R2. Placer County make changes to its website to provide links to each of the various departments' online public records request forms in one convenient location.
- R3. Placer County establish one point to maintain a countywide tracking system for all written public records requests. This recommendation is for a tracking system and not a single point for submitting or responding to requests.

## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Board of Supervisors</b> 175 Fulweiler Avenue Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1, R2, R3</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>
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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
P.O. Box 619072  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – California Public Records Act**

Dear Honorable Judge Nichols,

After a careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, The Placer County Board of Supervisors (the Board) is pleased to submit the following responses to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – California Public Records Act.

### **Findings of the Grand Jury**

**F1. A path to making a CPRA request is not intuitive. Filing of a public records request can be difficult.**

The Board partially disagrees with this finding. Filing a public records request involves contacting the correct County Department which maintains that document. If the incorrect department or office is contacted, County staff will assist in identifying the correct department or office. This path may involve more steps for an individual who is less familiar with Placer County's structure, or with the types of records maintained.

**F2. The non-centralized approach to receiving and responding to public records requests appears to speed up the response time and contributes to Placer County's compliance with the law but does not provide for tracking or monitoring compliance with all CPRA requirements.**

The Board agrees with this finding. Allowing individual departments to respond to a public records request may reduce response time. The current process does not automatically include a built in centralized tracking system.

### **Recommendations of the Grand Jury**

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**R1 - Placer County change its website for locating information on how to request public records. Specifically, a link titled "Public Records" should be added to the home page tab entitled "How do I ..."/ "Request."**

This recommendation has been implemented.

**R2 – Placer County make changes to its website to provide links to each of the various departments' online public records request forms in one convenient location.**

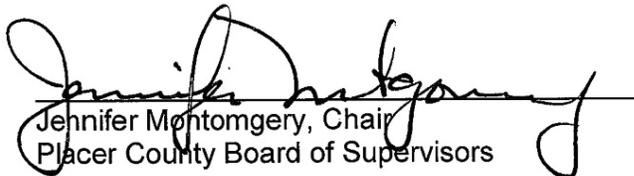
This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. Staff is exploring technology solutions that would interface with the existing "How do I" website link to enable easier online public records requests.

**R3 – Placer County establish one point to maintain a countywide tracking system for all written public records requests. This recommendation is for a tracking system and not a single point for submitting or responding to requests.**

This recommendation requires further analysis. An effective centralized tracking system must be thoughtfully evaluated for its ability to improve upon the County's current decentralized process in the most cost effective manner.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

  
Jennifer Montgomery, Chair  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Jerry M. Henry, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel



September 12, 2017

The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
P.O. Box 619072  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – California Public Records Act**

Dear Honorable Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations from the report titled "California Public Records Act, Placer County's Compliance with the California Public Records Act (CPRA)." On behalf of Placer County and the County Executive Office, I would like to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Grand Jury for their efforts in researching this topic.

The County Executive Office respectfully submits the following as a response to this important report.

**Findings of the Grand Jury**

**F1. A path to making a CPRA request is not intuitive. Filing of a public records request can be difficult.**

**County Executive Office Response:** The County Executive Office disagrees partially with this finding. Filing a public records request involves contacting the County Department which maintains that document. If the incorrect department or office is contacted, County staff will assist in identifying the correct department or office.

**F2. The non-centralized approach to receiving and responding to public records requests appears to speed up the response time and contributes to Placer County's compliance with the law but does not provide for tracking or monitoring compliance with all CPRA requirements.**

**County Executive Office Response:** The County Executive Office agrees with this finding. Allowing individual departments to respond to a public



records request may reduce response time. It currently does not automatically include a built in centralized tracking system.

### **Recommendations of the Grand Jury**

**R1 - Placer County change its website for locating information on how to request public records. Specifically, a link titled "Public Records" should be added to the home page tab entitled "How do I ..."/ "Request."**

**County Executive Office Response:** This recommendation has been implemented. The County website now has a link under "How Do I" for Public Records, which takes the user to an explanatory text page. That page notes that Placer County does not have an online records request process at this time, or a single point of contact for requesting records. The text goes on to state that records should be requested from the department or office that maintains the records. However, the text also notes that record requests seeking copies of records that may be located across multiple county departments or offices may be made in writing to the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**R2 – Placer County make changes to its website to provide links to each of the various departments' online public records request forms in one convenient location.**

**County Executive Office Response:** This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The County is exploring technology solutions that would interface with the existing "How do I" website link to enable online public records requests.

**R3 – Placer County establish one point to maintain a countywide tracking system for all written public records requests. This recommendation is for a tracking system and not a single point for submitting or responding to requests.**

**County Executive Office Response:** This recommendation requires further analysis. An effective centralized tracking system must be thoughtfully evaluated for its ability to improve upon the County's current decentralized process in the most cost effective manner.



Sincerely,

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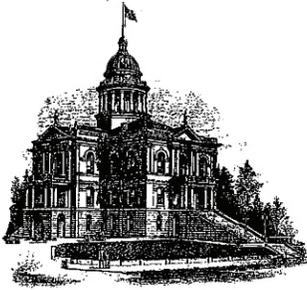


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Re: County Counsel's Response to the 2016-17 Grand Jury Report  
California Public Records Act, Placer County's Compliance with the California Public  
Records Act (CPRA)

Dear Judge Nichols:

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the above-identified Grand Jury report ("Report"). My office will work closely with the County Executive Office the County Executive Officer and the Director of Administrative Services to address the recommendations suggested by the Grand Jury and to bring the matter to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. With respect to the specific findings and recommendations in the Report, I wish to respond as follows:

### Findings

*F1. A path to making a CPRA request is not intuitive. Filing of a public records request can be difficult.*

I partially agree with this finding. If a citizen is familiar with a matter and with the County Department which maintains the documents for such a matter, then the request is relatively straightforward. However, if the citizen does not know the Department of the County that maintains certain records, or even the kinds of records that may be maintained, then it can be difficult to intuitively know where to make a request. This is particularly true of a county, which in addition to the Board of Supervisors, has a number of elected officials who may maintain records, such as the County Clerk Recorder, the Assessor, the Auditor-Controller, the Treasurer Tax-Collector, as well as the Sheriff and the District Attorney.

*F2. The non-centralized approach to receiving and responding to public records requests appears to speed up the response time and contributes to Placer County's compliance with the law but does not provide for tracking or monitoring compliance with all CPRA requirements.*

I agree with this finding. The non-centralized approach allows an immediate response to a request at a level where routine requests can be quickly accommodated and more complex requests can be timely addressed, either with or without assistance of counsel, at the Department level where the records are maintained. Although the Department may have implemented its own tracking system, that information is not forwarded to a central tracking system.

Recommendations

*R1. Placer County change its website for locating information on how to request public records. Specifically, a link titled "Public Records" should be added to the home page tab entitled "How do I ..." "Request."*

The recommendation has been implemented. The County website now has a link under "How Do I" for Requests, and that link includes a specific link for Public Records. The Public Records link takes the user to an explanatory text page entitled Public Records. That page notes that Placer County does not have an online records request process at this time, or a single point of contact for requesting records. The text goes on to state that records should be requested from the department or office that maintains the records. However, the text also notes that record requests seeking copies of records that may be located across multiple county departments or offices may be made in writing to the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

*R2. Placer make changes to its website to provide links to each of the various departments' online public records request forms in one convenient location.*

This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. I have discussed this recommendation with our Director of Administrative Services, who is currently working on solution which supports this function via the County's website. The solution will function as a centralized tracking system for those Departments that currently have posted public records act request forms for submission through their webpages.

However, in order to implement the Grand Jury's recommendation, new software applications must be vetted through the County's Information Technology governance process. The County is currently working on identifying viable solutions to meet this recommendation, which we anticipate being in place by the end of the year.

*R3. Placer County establish one point to maintain a countywide tracking system for all written public records requests. This recommendation is for a tracking system and not a single point for submitting or responding to requests.*

This recommendation requires further analysis. A true countywide tracking system would require each County Department that receives a written public records act request to log in the request, document the response and log out the request when compliance is complete. The Department would then be required to submit those records to a central point of tracking. This process could be cumbersome and time consuming, particularly for routine requests that are typically addressed without reporting on the contact to anyone outside the Department.

County staff has also reviewed a number of software systems that allow for a centralized online request system, but these systems are only as effective as the system in place to update, monitor and process requests. This requires centralized intake staffing which the County does not presently have available from the standpoint of budget and personnel. The problem with a centralized online request system is that it does not meet the recommendation as not all requests will go through an online system. Many written requests are submitted directly to the Department that presumably has the records. The most efficient means to develop a centralized tracking system for requests is three-fold: (1) create an on-line reference page that offers detailed information to the citizen of how to request records, where to look for the records and what details should be added to the request; (2) Create a central data base that tracks those requests submitted on-line through the Clerk of the Board's office in conjunction with County Counsel; (3) require that all Departments forward a copy of its log for all written public records act requests to the Clerk of the Board and the County Counsel's Office.

The logical location for this centralized tracking system for written requests at this point is through the Clerk of the Board and the County Counsel's Office. The County had recently developed a protocol with the Clerk of the Board, the Board Office and the County Executive Office for tracking requests for public records that come to those offices, and the first step in the protocol is referral of the request to our office to assure compliance. That referral triggers creation of a new file in our office. In addition, in the case of many non-routine written requests to County Departments, department staff seeks County Counsel Office assistance and those cases also trigger creation of a new file in our office.

Our office is currently evaluating a new case management system with the assistance of the Information Technology Division of the Administrative Services Department. That system could allow our office to develop a system to track and report on compliance with these written public records act requests. Our office

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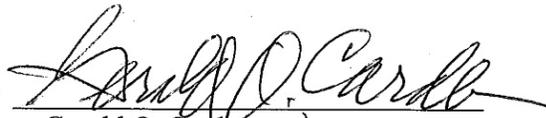
has requested supplemental funding in our budget to allow us to move to a new case management system and this reporting function could be incorporated as we implement our new system. I expect to be implementing this new system within the next six months and can update the Grand Jury if we can build this functionality into this new case management system.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this report. Should you or any member of the Grand Jury have questions regarding the above responses, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

By:



Gerald O. Carden  
Placer County Counsel

cc: Foreperson, Placer County Grand Jury  
Placer County Board of Supervisors, c/o Clerk of the Board



## **County Elections Process**

### **Voting and Vote Tabulation**

#### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. Elections staff is committed to both maintaining valid voter rolls and ensuring that registered voters have the opportunity to vote.
- F2. Elections staff is committed to ensuring that all ballots are properly collected, counted and secured.
- F3. Elections staff complied with the security procedures required by the State in the use of voting equipment, handling, processing, transporting, determining validity, and counting of ballots.
- F4. The processes and procedures of the Elections Office provided Placer County voters with a fair, valid, and accurate voting experience in the 2016 General Election.
- F5. Drop-off locations make it easier for the public to return their VBM ballots.
- F6. VBM ballots postmarked on Election Day or hand-delivered to polling places do not arrive at Election Headquarters in time to be processed by 8:00 pm on Election Day.
- F7. Although there was a delay in processing some of the VBM ballots, ultimately they all were counted within legal timeframes.
- F8. Elections staff was diligent in their efforts to overcome the USPS delivery delays of election materials and receipt of ballots.

#### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- R1. Placer County Elections staff continue to work with the USPS to develop alternatives to improve the timely delivery of election mail to all Placer County voters.
- R2. Placer County Elections staff continue to work with the USPS to develop alternatives to improve the timely receipt of VBM ballots in Placer County.

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Grand Jury 2016-2017 Final Report

- R3. Elections management review and revise processes, equipment needs, and staffing patterns to improve the percentage of VBM ballots processed prior to poll closure on Election Day.
- R4. Placer County Elections expand the number of VBM drop-off locations.

**Request for Responses**

	<u><b>Recommendations Requiring Response</b></u>	<u><b>Response Due Date</b></u>
<b>Mr. Ryan Ronco</b> County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters 2956 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1, R2, R3, R4</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>

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## PLACER COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-ELECTIONS

August 10, 2017

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Roseville CA 95661

### **Re: Response to the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report**

Dear Judge Nichols:

After careful review of the findings and recommendations contained in the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report, the following is my Response regarding the Report entitled County Election Process: Voting and Vote Tabulation.

### **FINDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY**

I agree with the findings, numbered F1 through F8.

- **F1.** *Elections staff is committed to both maintaining valid voter rolls and ensuring that registered voters have the opportunity to vote.*
- **F2.** *Elections staff is committed to ensuring that all ballots are properly collected, counted and secured.*
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- **F8.** *Elections staff was diligent in their efforts to overcome the USPS delivery delays of election materials and receipt of ballots.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY

- **R1.** *Placer County Elections staff continue to work with the USPS to develop alternatives to improve the timely delivery of election mail to all Placer County voters.*

**Response:** Recommendation R1 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. We have set a meeting on August 11 with representatives of the USPS Sacramento District to discuss mail delivery problems the Elections Office encountered in 2016 and potential alternatives to our current method of delivery. While recognizing that our discussions with the USPS to improve the timely delivery of election mail will never truly cease, implementation of specific solutions to this recommendation will be in place before January of 2018.

- **R2.** *Placer County Elections staff continue to work with the USPS to develop alternatives to improve the timely receipt of VBM ballots in Placer County.*

**Response:** Recommendation R2 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. We have set a meeting on August 11 with representatives of the USPS Sacramento District to discuss mail delivery problems the Elections Office encountered in 2016 and potential alternatives to our current method of return. Additionally, we will schedule a meeting with the Auburn USPS Postmaster in the fall of 2017 as the local office plays a significant role in timely mail delivery, especially with respect to Business Reply Mail. While recognizing that our discussions with the USPS to improve the timely receipt of VBM ballots will never truly cease, implementation of specific solutions to this recommendation will be in place before January of 2018.

- **R3.** *Elections management review and revise processes, equipment needs, and staffing patterns to improve the percentage of VBM ballots processed prior to poll closure on Election Day.*

**Response:** Recommendation R3 has been implemented. I would also note that this is a continuous area of review and improvement for the Elections Office and will always be the subject of further analysis. It takes time to count VBM ballots with accuracy and transparency and in legal compliance, so we would never sacrifice precision for speed. However, it is without question that a goal of the Placer County Elections Office is to increase VBM ballot counting efficiency through a continual review of process improvement, technological advancement and staffing needs. During the 2016 Presidential General Election the Grand Jury was able to witness this in action as we were testing new procedures for VBM ballot counting with the goal of increasing speed without decreasing transparency or accuracy. The lessons learned during testing (in summary – returning ballot counting to the computer server room) will be applied to the 2018 VBM ballot counting process. Furthermore, we are currently discussing the feasibility of bringing in a system to streamline and speed up the process of duplicating damaged ballots that cannot be read by ballot counting equipment. Because

ballot duplication is a time-consuming, labor-intensive process, many damaged ballots that are opened before Election Day often wait until after Election Day to be duplicated. Election vendors, though, are creating ways to scan damaged ballots and electronically duplicate replacement ballots before they are printed on ballot paper, cutting duplication time significantly without reducing transparency or auditability. We would like to be among the first California counties to bring this new technology on board for the 2018 election cycle.

- **R4. Placer County Elections expand the number of VBM drop-off locations.**

**Response:** Recommendation R4 requires further analysis. The success of the ballot drop-off locations that have been deployed so far in Placer County make it desirable to expand the number of these locations to make them even more accessible to the public. However, regulations defining the specific receptacle design, placement, and hours of operation for VBM ballot drop-off locations will soon be promulgated by the California Secretary of State. These regulations would not only affect any future drop-off locations but could have a direct effect on our established drop-off locations. Due diligence requires us to wait for the regulations to become final before implementing any new drop-off locations to ensure compliance. The final version of the proposed VBM drop-off location regulations will soon be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. Assuming no significant changes are made during the public comment period, final rules should become effective around the end of the year. An analysis of the regulations and a decision to expand drop-off locations will be made within thirty (30) days after the regulations become effective in order to provide sufficient time to acquire receptacles, survey suitable sites and publicize final locations for the 2018 election cycle.

I appreciate the Grand Jury's review and recommendations regarding these issues and I thank them for all of their hard work in this investigation during the past year.

Sincerely,



Ryan Ronco

Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters

CC: The Honorable Alan Pineschi, Placer County Superior Court Presiding Judge  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel  
Placer County Board of Supervisors  
Gary Kern, 2017-2018 Placer County Grand Jury Foreperson



## **Homeless Shelter Services Managing the Needs of the Homeless**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. VOA is to be commended for their management of the temporary shelter at the DeWitt Center.
- F2. HHS has joined with VOA and other charitable stakeholders to provide outreach and assessment programs to assist the homeless in finding jobs and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.
- F3. The BOS and multiple government and non-government stakeholders continue to debate and study services for the homeless, including the need for emergency homeless shelters.
- F4. There is a general consensus there is a need for emergency homeless shelters in the Auburn area, but there is local opposition to a shelter in the DeWitt Center.
- F5. The County has addressed the need for an emergency shelter in Auburn through a series of short-term funding, temporary Site Access Agreements in the DeWitt Center and a vote to include the Heavy Commercial zone district of the Dewitt Center among the zones approved for shelters.
- F6. In addition to the emergency shelter, the County has provided needed services through the ASOC, including outpatient/inpatient evaluation of emotional issues, substance abuse and mental health services.
- F7. The additional law enforcement resources have addressed the need for improved security in and around the Dewitt Center.
- F8. Three of the four roles included in the Continuum of Care provision of the HEARTH Act involve emergency, transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. The study conducted by Dr. Marbut concluded there should be a permanent 24/7 shelter in both north and south Placer County. The County has not resolved whether there should be a 24/7 permanent shelter and, if so, where it should be located.
- F9. For the past two years, the County has been telling local residents that the emergency shelter in DeWitt Center is temporary. Despite these assurances, the County has not identified a site for a permanent shelter located elsewhere and continues to permit renewed operation of the temporary shelter at DeWitt Center through renewed Site Access Agreements, short-term funding and zoning efforts.

- F10. While significant efforts have been made by all stakeholders, there has been no substantial progress in resolving the issue of the need and location of permanent homeless shelter(s)

## **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- R1. The County develop and publish a comprehensive strategy for managing homelessness in Placer County. Included in the strategy should be a decision on the issue of permanent shelter(s).
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- R4. The County make a decision on the number and location of emergency shelters by March 2018.

## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Mr. Jeff Brown</b> Director, Health and Human Services 3091 County Center Drive, # 290 Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1- R4</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>
<b>Mr. David Boesch</b> Placer County CEO 175 Fulweiler Ave Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1- R4</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>
<b>Placer County Board of Supervisors</b> 175 Fulweiler Avenue Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1- R4</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>

September 6, 2017

The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
P.O. Box 619072  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Homeless Shelter Services**

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury's Finding and Recommendations from the report titled "*Homeless Shelter Services*". The Department of Health and Human Services would like to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Grand Jury for their efforts in researching homelessness in Placer County, as well as making recommendations to better address this significant social issue.

Our department respectfully submits the following as a response to this important report.

**FINDINGS**

We agree with the findings, numbered F1 through F10.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation numbered R1, has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.**

**R1 – The County develop and publish a comprehensive strategy for managing homelessness in Placer County. Included in the strategy should be a decision on the issue of permanent shelter(s).**

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Sincerely,



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Health and Human Services Department Director

cc: Gary Kern, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel

September 12, 2017

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#### **FINDINGS**

I agree with the findings, numbered F1 through F10.

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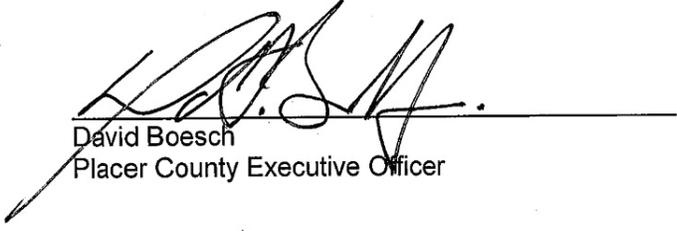
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David Boesch  
Placer County Executive Officer

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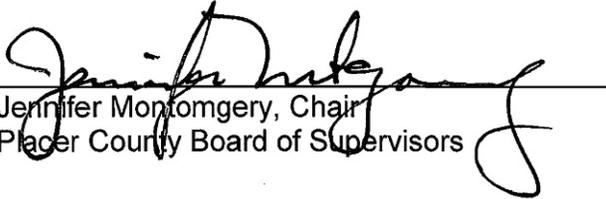
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COUNTY OF PLACER

  
Jennifer Montgomery, Chair  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Gary Kern, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel



## **Lincoln City Government Transparency**

### **What Happened to Our Police Chief? The People Want to Know**

#### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. It was clearly stated in the employment agreement that the Chief would not be entitled to severance upon his resignation. However, in the Settlement Agreement the City of Lincoln granted the Chief all the severance benefits listed in the employment agreement.
- F2. The City of Lincoln was not transparent in dealing with the Chief's resignation.

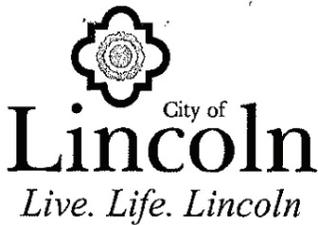
#### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- R1. The City of Lincoln adhere to all terms of employment agreements they negotiate and not make generous settlements when not required and justified.
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## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Mr. Matt Brower</b> Lincoln City Manager 600 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, CA 95648	<b>R1, R2</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>
<b>Lincoln City Council</b> Lincoln City Hall 600 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, CA 95648	<b>R1, R2</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>



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**PLACER COUNTY  
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July 28, 2017

The Honorable Colleen M. Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Subject: Lincoln Response to 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report**

Dear Judge Nichols:

This correspondence is in response to the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report, dated June 19, 2017. The Grand Jury Report focused on the City of Lincoln's transparency related to certain documents in connection with the resignation of its Police Chief. Responses to the report's findings and recommendations are included herein below.

**The City of Lincoln disagrees with the Grand Jury's Findings regarding:**

**F1.** It was clearly stated in the employment agreement that the Chief would not be entitled to severance upon his resignation. However, in the Settlement Agreement the City of Lincoln granted the Chief all the severance benefits listed in the employment agreement.

**Response:** The City resolved its personnel matters with the former Police Chief by a Settlement Agreement to resolve any issues, including the Chief's resignation and the terms of that resignation. The City did not simply pay severance benefits to a former employee upon his resignation.

**F2.** The City of Lincoln was not transparent in dealing with the Chief's resignation.

**Response:** On page 52 of the Grand Jury's Final Report dated June 19, 2017, it states, "the Grand Jury accepts the City of Lincoln's decision to refuse to release the list of LPOA grievances and the independent investigation of the Chief." Regarding the City's refusal to release a copy of the Settlement Agreement, the report states on page 52, "The Grand Jury recognizes that there are differing opinions on this and points out that the Superior Court could make a final determination." The City recognizes that transparency is a cornerstone of good governance, and to that end disclosed all documents related to the separation of the Police Chief except those that were classified as confidential personnel information and otherwise protected by state law. The Public Records Act exempts from disclosure, confidential personnel records. The former Police Chief is covered by the Police

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Officers Bill of Rights and release of personnel records requires a court order. The difference of opinion the Grand Jury report refers to is likely varying views in court cases and statutes that provide certain protections pertaining to release of personnel records and the competing interests between employee privacy and disclosure of information. The City has always publicly stated that it would release the agreement pursuant to an order of the court. Absent such an order, the City does not believe it can legally produce the Settlement Agreement.

### **Responses to Grand Jury recommendations**

Recommendation numbered R1 (The City of Lincoln adhere to all terms of employment agreements they negotiate and not make generous settlements when not required and justified.) has been implemented.

**Response:** The City recognizes the importance of adhering to employment agreements and not settling matters when not required or justified. The separation of the Police Chief was a unique situation that required a negotiated settlement agreement. The City does adhere to its contracts and seeks to resolve personnel matters in the City's best interest.

Recommendation numbered R2 (The City of Lincoln release a copy of the Settlement Agreement they negotiated with the Police Chief to the public they serve.) will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

**Response:** The City's legal counsel has advised the City that the Settlement Agreement is a protected document containing classified, protected information under state law. The City bears all economic and legal risk associated with improperly disclosing protected documents. The Grand Jury acknowledges in their report that the Superior Court could make a final determination in this case. The City would comply with any order issued by a court.

I trust that this response adequately addresses the Placer County Grand Jury's findings and recommendations found in the 2016-2017 final report. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you,



Matthew Brower, City Manager  
City of Lincoln

cc: Placer County Grand Jury  
Lincoln City Council Members  
City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -163**

**APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE 2016-17 PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED "LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY"**

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, the 2016-17 Placer County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) filed a report titled "Lincoln City Government Transparency" (Report) that requested a response from the City Council (Council) and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the report explored whether the City could have been more transparent with documents associated with the internal investigation of the former Police Chief and ultimate resignation during the summer of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is an investigatory body with the authority to act as a watchdog on local government, investigate citizen complaints, and assist in criminal matters at the request of the district attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury is part of the county judicial system as authorized by the California State Constitution and is advised by the Superior Court, but is not accountable to elected officials or government employees; and

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury are unbiased and impartial and Grand Jurors are sworn to secrecy and, other than final reports, their work is kept strictly confidential; and .

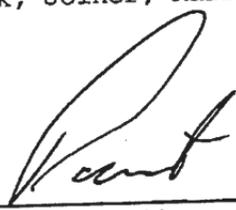
WHEREAS, penal Code section 933(c) requires the City respond to the final report within 60 days and the comments required from the Council and Mayor are due to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on or before August 19, 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Lincoln, that the Council approves and adopts as its own the response to the 2016-17 Placer County Grand Jury Report titled " Lincoln City Government Transparency" as set forth in Attachment A.

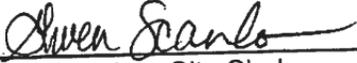
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized and directed, on behalf of the Lincoln City Council, to execute and deliver the above-described response to the Presiding Judge of the Placer County Superior Court no later than August 19, 2017.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hydrick, Joiner, Karleskint, Nader, Gilbert  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

  
Peter Gilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gwen Scanlon, City Clerk



## **Mental Health Care of Placer County Jail Inmates**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. More than half of Placer County jail inmates have mental health issues requiring specialized care.
- F2. The large number of mental health inmates negatively impacts staffing, budget resources and space allocation in Placer County jails.
- F3. Correctional staff is continuously trained in the signs and symptoms of mental illness.
- F4. AB 109 has created significant challenges to the system. County inmates now serve longer terms and have more critical and chronic medical and mental health issues.
- F5. If a defendant is considered incompetent to stand trial and criminal proceedings are suspended, they can be held at the jail for 90 days or more waiting for a bed at a State hospital.
- F6. The inclusion of a Return to Competency unit at the South Placer Jail would be more efficient in the timely treatment of mentally ill inmates.
- F7. Inmates with mental health diagnoses receive services as needed.
- F8. Drug use today has a more severe impact on the physical and mental health of inmates than in the past.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury recommends:

- R1. Placer County expand the jail facility to include a dedicated mental health unit.
- R2. Placer County develop a “Return to Competency” program.
- R3. Continuing education for jail personnel in areas dealing with the mentally ill.

## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Placer County Board of Supervisors</b> 175 Fulweiler Avenue Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1, R2</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>
<b>Sheriff Devon Bell</b> Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal Dewitt Justice Center 2929 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1, R2, R3</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>
<b>Mr. Jeff Brown</b> Director, Placer County Health & Human Services 3091 County Center Drive #290 Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R2, R3</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>

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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
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**Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Mental Health Care of Placer County Inmates**

Dear Judge Nichols,

After a careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, The Placer County Board of Supervisors (the Board) pleased to submit the following responses to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Mental Health Care of Placer County Inmates.

## **FINDINGS**

We agree with the findings, numbered F3 through F8

We disagree with the findings, numbered F1 through F2.

### **F1 – More than half of Placer County jail inmates have mental health issues requiring standardized care**

The Board understands that there are a number of jail inmates with mental health issues; however, to what extent, is unknown. The Board also understands that the need for mental health services for those in custody is on the rise.

### **F2 – The large number of mental health inmates negatively impacts staffing, budget resources and space allocation in Placer County Jails**

All inmates negatively impact staffing, budget resources and space allocation in our Jails. For those inmates that suffer from mental health issues, there is an additional strain put on our entire criminal justice system.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation numbered R1, has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented sometime in the future.

**RI: Placer County expand the jail facility to include a dedicated mental health unit.**

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On August 15, 2017 the Board approved a financing plan to construct a 45-bed mental health unit for acute and chronic mental health inmates. This facility will be located at the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility. This project is estimated to begin construction in late 2018 and anticipates occupancy in late 2019.

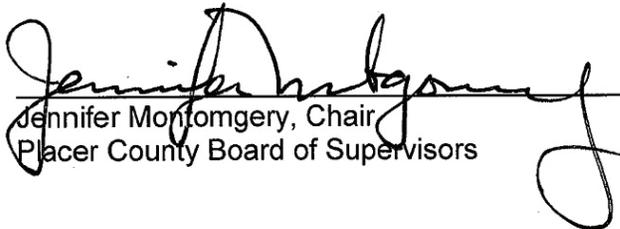
**Recommendation numbered R2, requires further analysis.**

**R2: Placer County develop a "Return to Competency" program.**

The Board will work with our Health and Human Services Department (HHS), our Sheriff's Office and community agencies to explore the creation of a successful return to competency program in the South Placer jail.

Sincerely,

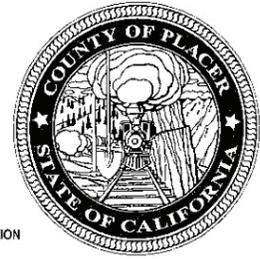
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**PLACER COUNTY**  
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**WAYNE WOO**  
UNDERSHERIFF

**RE: Response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Mental Health Care of Placer County Jail Inmates**

Dear Members of the Placer County Grand Jury,

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**FINDINGS**

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I partially disagree with the finding numbered F6:

- F6. The inclusion to a Return to Competency unit at the South Placer Jail would be more efficient in the timely treatment of mentally ill inmates.

**RESPONSE:** I would recommend that the statement be revised to read: The inclusion of a Return to Competency unit at the South Placer Jail would be more efficient in returning inmates deemed incompetent to stand trial to a competent state.

Inmates who are deemed incompetent to stand trial are still treated for their mental illness by our medical staff while waiting to be sent to a state hospital for return to competency. The difference would be the ability to force medicate, if necessary, and the focus by the mental health professionals at the state hospitals to return that inmate to a condition in which they would be able to competently participate in the trial process.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation number F3, has been implemented.

R3. Continuing education for jail personnel in areas dealing with the mentally ill.

**RESPONSE:** The Placer County Sheriff's Office recognizes the increasing numbers of mentally ill inmates incarcerated in the County Jail system. In response, Sheriff's Corrections staff are trained annually by the on-site medical provider, California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG), in recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness that may be exhibited by inmates. The staff is trained to refer inmates with mental illness to CFMG for care and treatment.

Additionally, all Corrections staff must go through a Basic Core Academy within the first year of employment. During the Academy, each staff member receives over 15 hours of recognizing and resolving mental health issues along with the physical and mental substance abuse issues within the inmate population.

Annually, the Sheriff's Office sends 8 to 10 Corrections staff to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. CIT Training is a 40-hour program to help officers react appropriately to situations involving mental illness, developmental disability or emotionally disturbed persons. Currently about one-third of the Corrections staff have been through CIT training.

It is the goal of the Sheriff's Office to significantly increase Corrections Staff trained in CIT over the next two years.

Recommendations numbered R1 and R2 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

R1. Placer County to expand the jail facility to include a dedicated mental health unit.

**RESPONSE:** On November 12, 2015, the BSCC awarded the Placer County Sheriff's Office with a conditional award of 9.5 million dollars in state lease revenue bond financing. This is directly related to Senate Bill 863, The Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program. With our acceptance, it is our plan to construct a 12,500 square foot Mental Health Unit for acute and chronic mental health inmates to be housed at the South Placer Jail at our Roseville campus. The project will be situated at the south east end of the Placer County Jail, adjacent to our medical unit in the secure portion of our facility. The interior configuration will consist of three 15 bed housing units for a total

of 45 beds, capable of housing both male and female inmates. There will be a secure delineation between males and females for the safety and security of all inmates.

The facility also will have adequate dayroom, bathroom and shower space in accordance with BSCC regulations. Included in the proposed facility layout is an educational classroom with interview and program space for all inmates housed in this unit. It is our intent to move nearly all of our acute mental health inmate population in Auburn and South Placer Jails to the new unit and have these inmates under one roof.

With secured single cells we can place multiple classifications in this new unit and with the close proximity of our medical unit this will serve this population with immediate assistance and modern day technologies for treatment and efficiencies.

With the classroom/program/interview spaces proposed, we plan on dedicating resources to assist these inmates with expanded mental health services. We have developed partnerships with Health and Human Services, Veteran Services, Collaborative Court Subcommittee and the Probation Department to coordinate the release of inmates ensuring proper treatment and a streamlined transition back into society. The goal is to create a positive and encouraging environment for these inmates to facilitate treatment and reduce or eliminate the possibility of incarceration in the future. It is estimated this facility will be operational in summer of 2019.

R2. Placer County to develop a "Return to Competency" program.

**RESPONSE:** The Placer County Sheriff's Office recognizes the existing lack of space in the State Mental Hospital Return to Competency Program. This issue has resulted in significant delays in placing court ordered inmates into the Return to Competency Program.

Recent availability in Sacramento County's Return to Competency Program has lessened the placement delays. If this problem continues, it is the belief of the Placer County Sheriff's Office that this time delay can be greatly improved upon by creating an in-house Return to Competency Program. Therefore, it is currently the intent of the Sheriff's Office to utilize one of the three 15 bed housing units planned for construction under SB863 funding as a Return to Competency unit. Completion of this project is currently set for summer of 2019.

I wish to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community, and for their hard work in the past year.

Sincerely



Devon Bell  
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal

cc: Board of Supervisors  
David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel  
Jerry Henry, Foreperson of the Placer County Grand Jury

August 24, 2017

The Honorable Colleen Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
P.O. Box 619072  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Mental Health Care of Placer County Inmates**

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury's Finding and Recommendations from the report titled "*Mental Health Care of Placer County Jail Inmates*". The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would like to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Grand Jury for their efforts in researching, as well as making recommendations to better address this significant issue.

Our department respectfully submits the following as a response to this important report.

#### **FINDINGS**

We agree with the findings, numbered F3 through F8

We disagree with the findings, numbered F1 through F2.

#### **F1 – More than half of Placer County jail inmates have mental health issues requiring standardized care**

While HHS does not have data to substantiate this finding, we do know that the number of jail inmates with mental health issues is very high. We also know that the need for mental health services in custody is on the rise.

#### **F2 – The large number of mental health inmates negatively impacts staffing, budget resources and space allocation in Placer County Jails**

This finding is best responded to by the Placer County Sheriff's Office which operates the county jail system.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation numbered R2, requires further analysis.**

#### **R2: Placer County develop a "Return to Competency" program.**

HHS will continue to explore the creation of a successful return to competency program in the South Placer jail. Planning is currently underway and a feasible model will be determined prior to project completion in 2019.

**Recommendation numbered R3, has been implemented.**

**R3: Continuing education for jail personnel in areas dealing with the mentally ill.**

Sheriff's Office staff receive training related to mental health from the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) annually. In addition, HHS trains officers in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training annually. About one-third of Sheriff's Office staff have been CIT trained. HHS and Sheriff's Office staff are committed to maintaining this amount of mental health training at a minimum, and will re-evaluate if increased training is needed once the new mental health unit is completed.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W.  
Health and Human Services Department Director

cc: Gary Kern, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel

**Relocation of Students  
Kentucky Greens Campus**

## **Relocation of Severely Disabled and Special Needs Students Kentucky Greens Campus**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. Upon learning of the proposed sale, parents of special needs students became concerned their children would be relocated or mainstreamed into different schools in South Placer County without consideration of their disabilities, some of which are life-threatening.
- F2. In November 2016, based on some of the parents' objections, PCOE modified their sale proposal to include a 10-year leaseback of Onorato Education Center to keep the SMD students on the same campus.
- F3. PCOE became very proactive and accommodating in their communication to the public, especially after the parents' response to their initial announcement. Weekly communications through emails and phone calls to parents, staff meetings, parent focus groups and BOE meetings brought many positive changes to the initial plan.
- F4. After reviewing the final recommendations, the Board of Education, Placer County Office of Education, Newcastle Elementary School District and the parents of special needs students all complimented each other for partnering together, listening, advocating and participating in a decision to positively benefit all of the 55 students affected by this change of location.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes no recommendations.

**Request for Responses:**

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
No Responses Required	--	--

**Roseville Police Enforcement  
Abandoned Vehicles**

## **Roseville Police Code Enforcement**

### **Improperly Parked or Abandoned Vehicles**

#### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. During the five-month period reviewed in 2016, the RPD resolved complaints on an average of 10 days, which is under the “few weeks” noted on the RPD website. This figure is an average; the actual time required varied from one day to several weeks.
- F2. The 72-Hour Tow Database software is not capable of providing basic information for managers, such as the number of incidents, workload, contacts made, status of ongoing complaints, time and personnel involved and the cost of each operation.

#### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendation:

- R1. Update or replace the database program to provide for a better management tool.

## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Chief Daniel Hahn</b> Chief of Police, Roseville Police Department 1051 Junction Blvd. Roseville, CA 95678	<b>R1</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>

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**Roseville Police Department**  
Daniel Hahn, Chief of Police

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Placer County Grand Jury  
11532 B Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

August 17, 2016

**Re: 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Report-Roseville Police Code Enforcement**

Dear Placer County Grand Jury,

I would like to thank the Placer County Grand Jury for your continued dedication to the citizens of Placer County. I am pleased to submit my response to the Grand Jury report.

**FINDINGS**

We agree with the findings, numbered F1 and F2.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1. Update or replace the database program to provide for a better management tool.**

Response 1. This recommendation will require further analysis. Police department staff will have to evaluate the existing software application and determine if it is suitable for upgrade. If it is determined that the application is not suitable for upgrade staff will have to research alternative software products as well as potential new funding sources for the purchase and maintenance. It is expected this analysis can be completed within 120 days of the publication of the grand jury report.

I again would like to thank the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury for its report and service to the City of Roseville. If there is any additional information I can provide, I would be happy to speak with you or respond in writing.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel Hahn, Chief of Police  
City of Roseville

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## **Auburn Police Department and Holding Facility Annual Inspection**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. The combination of a police officer and/or a camera provides adequate monitoring of the holding area.
- F2. The fire extinguisher could be used as a weapon against a distracted officer in the event a detainee becomes violent.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendation:

- R1. The APD remove the fire extinguisher and relocate it a safe distance from any area occupied by a detainee.

**Request for Responses**

	<u><b>Recommendations Requiring Response</b></u>	<u><b>Response Due Date</b></u>
<b>Mr. John Ruffcorn</b> Public Safety Director, City of Auburn 1215 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>

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Placer County Grand Jury  
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**Re: 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury Report-Auburn Police Department  
Holding Area**

Dear Placer County Grand Jury,

I would like to thank you for your continued efforts with the annual inspection of the Auburn Police Department, and I am pleased to submit my response for your final report. I have carefully reviewed the findings and recommendations and I am pleased to provide you with the following response:

## FINDINGS

I agree with the following findings of the Placer County Grand Jury in regards to the Police Department and our holding facility:

- F1) The combination of a police officer and/or a camera provides adequate monitoring of the holding area.
- F2) The fire extinguisher could be used as a weapon against a distracted officer in the event a detainee becomes violent.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1) The Auburn Police Department remove the fire extinguisher and relocate it to a safe distance from any area occupied by a detainee.  
Response 1) The fire extinguisher was removed from the area and is now in a safer location.

The Auburn Public Safety Department is committed to serving and supporting our community through education, crime and fire prevention, transparency, and mentoring. We realize that our success is directly related to a collaborated effort with our entire community

I again would like to thank the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury for its report on the annual inspection of the Auburn Police Department and our holding cell, and the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations. If you have any feedback or additional questions, I would be more than happy to talk with you or respond through a written correspondence.

Sincerely,

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John F. Ruffcorn, Public Safety Director  
City of Auburn

cc: Mr. Robert Richardson, City Manager, City of Auburn



## **Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities: A Consolidated Report Annual Inspections**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. There is a need to replace the Burton Creek facility due to lack of elevators and overall ADA non-compliance. The County needs a modernized facility in the Tahoe Basin to provide booking and housing of arrestees, rather than contracting out-of-county for these services.
- F2. The Burton Creek facility sally port poses a security risk because it is not large enough to allow the external overhead door to close behind large transport vehicles.
- F3. All six Placer County jails and holding facilities were clean and appeared to be well-maintained and well-managed.
- F4. Some jail inmates are now spending longer sentences in a County facility as a result of the passage of AB109, which has required the County to allocate more resources to existing facilities.
- F5. The opening of the booking facility at the South Placer Main Jail will enable south County law enforcement officers to return to duty more quickly than the current system by not having to transport prisoners to Auburn Main Jail.
- F6. In addition to health and addiction services, programs are available to help inmates improve job skills, education, socialization skills and self-esteem.
- F7. Visual security at the Historic Courthouse sally port is compromised due to the deterioration of the screening material.

## **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

### **Auburn Historic Courthouse:**

- R1. Repair or replace the screening material surrounding the sally port.

### **Burton Creek:**

- R2. Provide funding and site location for a new facility, meeting the current and future requirements of the area.

### **South Placer Minimum Security Facility:**

None

### **Auburn Main Jail:**

None

### **Santucci Courthouse:**

None

## Request for Responses

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
<b>Board of Supervisors</b> 175 Fulweiler Ave. Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R2</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>
<b>Sheriff Devon Bell</b> Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal Dewitt Justice Center 2929 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA 95603	<b>R1</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>

# County of Placer Board of Supervisors

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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Colleen M. Nichols  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
P.O. Box 619072  
Roseville, CA 95661

RE: Response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report - Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities

Dear Judge Nichols,

After a careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, the Placer County Board of Supervisors (the Board) is pleased to submit the following responses to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report - Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities.

## **FINDINGS**

The Board agrees with the following findings, numbered F1, F3, F4, FS, F6, F7, & F8.

- F1. There is an overall need to replace the Burton Creek Facility due to lack of elevators and overall ADA non-compliance. The County needs a modernized facility in the Tahoe Basin to provide booking and housing of arrestees, rather than contracting out-of-county for these services.
- F3. All six Placer County jails and holding facilities were clean and appeared to be well-maintained and well-managed.
- F4. Some jail inmates are now spending longer sentences in a County facility as a result of the passage of AB109, which has required the County to allocate more resources to existing facilities.
- F5. The opening of the booking facility at the South Placer Main Jail will enable South County law enforcement officers to return to duty more quickly than the current system by not having to transport prisoners to the Auburn Main Jail.
- F6. In addition to health and addiction services, programs are available to help inmates improve job skills, education, socialization skills and self-esteem.
- F7. Visual security at the Historic Courthouse sally port is compromised due to the deterioration of the screening material.

The Board partially disagrees with finding F2.

- F2. The Burton Creek facility sally port poses a security risk because it is not large enough to allow the external overhead door to close behind large transport vehicles.

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Public Safety and the safety of Placer County law enforcement and Placer County employees is our number one priority. Since the overhead door does not close behind large transport vehicles, the Placer County Sheriff's Office has implemented other security measures to avoid injury to inmates or staff, and to prevent escape. This includes:

- Inmates are transported in belly chains and leg shackles.
- If the transport van transports more than five inmates, a second deputy accompanies the transport deputy and the inmates in the van.
- Upon arrival at Burton Creek, two transport deputies monitor the movement of inmates from the transport van, parked at the exterior sally port door, into the jail facility.
- When less than five inmates are transported to Burton Creek's jail facility, the transport deputy and the facilities jail deputy monitor movement of those inmates from the transport van into the jail facility upon the transport van's arrival.

The Board is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all involved and will continue to listen to the concerns of the Placer County Sheriff's Office should any security risks arise.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation number R2 requires further analysis.

R2. Provide funding and site location for a new facility, meeting the current and future requirements for the area.

**RESPONSE:** The Board recognizes this shared-use building, built in 1959, is outdated and lacks ADA compliance (as noted in this report). However, a new facility requires a large capital investment that must comply with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency regulatory processes that restrict and manage development in the Tahoe Basin. Currently, a new facility is on the Placer County Multi-Year Capital Plan and will be taken into consideration with all other capital needs.

The Board wishes to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community, and for their hard work in the past year.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

  
Jennifer Montgomery, Chair  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Gary Kern, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel



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**PLACER COUNTY  
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**RE: Response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities**

Dear Members of the Placer County Grand Jury,

After a careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities.

**FINDINGS**

I agree with the following findings, numbered F1, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, & F8.

- F1. There is an overall need to replace the Burton Creek Facility due to lack of elevators and overall ADA non-compliance. The County needs a modernized facility in the Tahoe Basin to provide booking and housing of arrestees, rather than contracting out-of-county for these services.
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- F6. In addition to health and addiction services, programs are available to help inmates improve job skills, education, socialization skills and self-esteem.
- F7. Visual security at the Historic Courthouse sally port is compromised due to the deterioration of the screening material.

I partially disagree with finding F2.

**F2.** The Burton Creek facility sally port poses a security risk because it is not large enough to allow the external overhead door to close behind large transport vehicles.

Community, inmate and staff security is of the highest importance to the Sheriff's Office. The Burton Creek jail is accessed via a vehicular sally port garage. This sally port does not allow for large transport vehicles to enter, and the overhead door to close behind the vehicle. Thus, locking it and the inmates and staff inside the sally port. Because the Sheriff's Office is unable to lock a transport vehicle within this sally port area, other security measures have been put in place to avoid injury to inmates or staff, and to prevent escape.

Inmates are transported in belly chains and leg shackles. If the transport van transports more than five inmates, a second deputy accompanies the transport deputy and the inmates in the van. Upon their arrival at Burton Creek, the two transport deputies monitor the movement of inmates from the transport van, parked at the exterior sally port door, into the jail facility. When less than five inmates are transported to Burton Creek's jail facility, the transport deputy and the facilities jail deputy monitor movement of those inmates from the transport van into the jail facility upon the transport van's arrival.

Similar to the response to Burton Creek's lack of ADA compliance, the need to upgrade or replace the building is recognized by our County and is necessary to upgrade the security of our sally port area, however, such projects require substantial capital investments by the county and must comply with the TRPA regulatory processes that constrain and manage development in the Tahoe Basin.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation number F1, has been implemented.

**R1.** Repair or replace the screening material surrounding the sally port.

**RESPONSE:** Work order 1500152 was generated on 6/27/2017 to replace screening material for the Auburn Historic Courthouse sally port by the Judicial Council of California (JCC).

Recommendation number R2 will not be implemented.

**R2.** Provide funding and site location for a new facility, meeting the current and future requirements for the area.

**RESPONSE:** The Burton Creek Facility houses the Burton Creek jail, the Sheriff's Office's patrol and investigations staff, a Superior Court courtroom that falls under the jurisdiction of Administrative Office of the Courts, and a wing that is used by the Placer County District Attorney's Office. While we recognize this shared-use building, built in 1959, is outdated and lacks ADA compliance (as noted in this report), we must consult with all users of this building, the County Executive Officer, and the Placer County Board of Supervisors before implementing renovations to meet compliance with ADA requirements or before taking necessary steps for replacement of the building which would include all updated ADA requirements.

While the need to upgrade or replace the building is recognized by our County, the Sheriff's Office is not in a position to unilaterally implement changes that would bring this facility into full ADA compliance. Such projects require substantial capital investments by the County and must comply with the TRPA regulatory processes that restrict and manage development in the Tahoe Basin.

To clarify a statement on Page 114 under Conclusion, the last paragraph states, "All Placer County jails and holding cells are secure and appear to be well-managed, with the exception of the Burton Creek facility. The building does not meet ADA requirements and does not function as a booking and holding facility." While we recognize that Burton Creek does not meet ADA requirements, the Burton Creek Jail does function as a booking and holding facility Monday – Thursday, between 8am and 4pm.

I wish to thank the members of the 2016-2017 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community, and for their hard work in the past year.

Sincerely,



Devon Bell  
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal

cc: Board of Supervisors  
David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer  
Gerald O. Carden, Placer County Counsel



## **Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility Annual Inspection**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. The JDF is clean, well maintained, and well-staffed with trained personnel.
- F2. Detainees in the JDF are treated respectfully with the focus on education and rehabilitation rather than punishment.
- F3. School programs comply with State Education Code requirements.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes no recommendations as a result of this investigation.

**Request for Responses**

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>	<u>Response Due Date</u>
No Responses Required	--	--



## **Rocklin City Police Station and Holding Facility Annual Inspection**

### **Findings**

The Grand Jury found:

- F1. The sally port door used for entering/exiting the facility does not completely close and lock as it was intended. This could pose a security risk.

### **Recommendations**

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendation:

- R1. RCPS repair or replace the self-locking mechanism of the door between the sally port and the prisoner processing area.

**Request for Responses**

	<u><b>Recommendations Requiring Response</b></u>	<u><b>Response Due Date</b></u>
<b>Chief Chad Butler</b> Police Chief, City of Rocklin 4080 Rocklin Road Rocklin, CA 95677	<b>R1</b>	<b>August 31, 2017</b>



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June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Placer County Grand Jury  
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RE: Response to Grand Jury's Rocklin City Police Station and Holding Facility Report

Dear Grand Jury,

The following is the response from the Rocklin Police Department, to the Findings and Recommendations in the Placer County Grand Jury's *Rocklin City Police Station and Holding Facility Report* dated June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Grand Jury Findings**

**(F1 – page 3):** The sally port door used for entering/exiting the facility does not completely close and lock as it was intended. This could pose a security risk.

**(R1 – page 4):** *Repair or replace the locking mechanism of the door between the sally port and the prisoner processing area.*

- Response: I agree with the finding numbered F1 (page 3) and the recommendation numbered R1 (page 4).

Officer and prisoner safety is paramount in our organization. The locking mechanism has been repaired.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Placer County Grand Jury's *Rocklin City Police Station and Holding Facility Report*. If you or the Grand Jury members have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**Scott Yuill**  
**Mayor**

cc: Ricky Horst, City Manager – City of Rocklin

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