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The Honorable Judge Vincent O'Neill, Jr.
Presiding Judge, Superior County of California
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Grand Jury Report – "Mandatory Detention Facilities Inspections"

Dear Judge O'Neill:

This letter is in response to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations pertaining to the recent report on Mandatory Detention Facilities Inspections.

FINDINGS

Finding FI-01:

All places of incarceration in the County meet the minimum standards of the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) for the areas reviewed (FA-01)

Response:

We concur with this finding.

Finding FI-01:

Holding facilities and jails in the County are doing a satisfactory job holding, pre-booking or booking and incarcerating juveniles. Both Ojai and Camarillo facilities have innovative programs dealing with juveniles.

Response:

We concur with this finding.

Finding FI-04:

All facilities are prepared for natural disasters and medical incidents.

Response:

We concur with this finding.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation R-05:

That the cities without parenting programs for juveniles review and implement innovative programs such as those of Camarillo and Ojai. (F1-01, F1-02)

Response:

While the City applauds the efforts of Camarillo and Ojai, it cannot afford to implement new programs. Respectfully, we disagree with this recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury report. If additional explanation is needed, please feel free to contact City Manager Yvonne Quiring at 805-524-3701.

Sincerely,

Gayle Washburn, Mayor

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