

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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July 26, 2016

The Honorable John Laettner  
Presiding Judge of the Contra Costa Superior Court  
A.F. Bray Court House, Department 25  
1020 Ward Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: **Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report: "Caring for the Victims"**  
**(Report 1605)**

Dear Judge Laettner:

On behalf of the Antioch City Council, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report: "Caring for the Victims." The City Council authorized this response at its meeting on July 26, 2016. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 933.05, the City will respond to the applicable findings and recommendations.

**Findings**

Finding # 6: "Many social workers in CFS, law enforcement, officers in Juvenile Hall and victim advocates in the DA's Office are not implementing the CSEC Protocol because they have not seen it."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

Finding # 7: "CFS, the leader of the Oversight Committee, has not followed up with its interagency partners that have signed off on the Protocol, but have not submitted their own CSEC department plan/protocols to the Oversight Committee."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

Finding # 9: "Suspected CSEC victims are being arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall for their own safety pursuant to various statutes under the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to infractions and crimes committed by youth, while the County assesses the appropriate health and social services to provide."

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*The City partially disagrees with this finding.*

It is not the practice of the Antioch Police Department to arrest and book juveniles for infractions or any other crimes in order to provide the County with an opportunity to provide them services. In fact, Juvenile Hall is often reluctant to accept the custody of any juvenile offenders except those that have been arrested for violent felony crimes or who have "Open-Booking" warrants.

Finding # 11: "No single database covering all CSEC-related arrests, referral and pending cases exists in the County."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

Finding # 12: "Due to a lack of a single database in the County covering all CSEC-related arrests, referral and pending cases, the County does not know the number of victims of CSEC and where they are located."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

Finding # 13: "County personnel and law enforcement dealing with victims of CSEC are well-meaning, compassionate and dedicated people trying to make the best of a very difficult situation."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

Finding # 14: "Most County personnel and law enforcement dealing with the victims of CSEC lack in-depth CSEC training, necessary facilities for temporarily accommodating the victims and a clear-cut plan of action, which lays out how to rescue, protect, and serve the victims of CSEC in a manner that is caring and trauma-informed."

*The City agrees with this finding.*

## **Recommendations**

Recommendation # 2: "The Board of Supervisors, City Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all CSEC interagency partners, as listed in the CSEC Protocol, in Contra Costa County adopt their own CSEC Protocols and submit them to CFS for approval."

*This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted:*

The City believes that interagency partners should not adopt their own CSEC Protocols; but rather, CFS should work with all partnering agencies to develop and implement a uniform CSEC protocol that would be consistent across the county.

Recommendation # 9: "The Board of Supervisors, City Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all first responders (usually law enforcement) refer suspected victims of CSEC to specialized and dedicated CSEC personnel, to be established within CFS."

*This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted:*

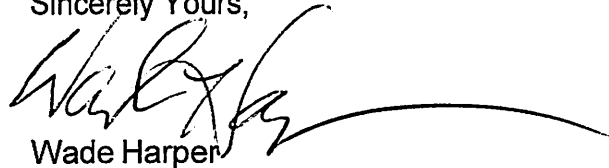
Such a determination would only be appropriate if it was agreed to and established as part of the (aforementioned) Countywide CSEC Protocol. Once such a program has been developed and implemented, the City will refer suspected victims appropriately per its guidelines.

Recommendation # 11: "City Councils and Sheriff's Department should direct law enforcement to avail themselves of CSEC training programs formulated by CFS."

*The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented at such time a Countywide CSEC Protocol has been developed and adopted.*

We trust the Grand Jury will find these responses helpful to its endeavor.

Sincerely Yours,



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Mayor, City of Antioch

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/75**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY  
REPORT NO. 1605 - "CARING FOR THE VICTIMS"**

**WHEREAS**, the City received Grand Jury Report No. 1605, "Caring for the Victims" dated May 10, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, a written response to the Grand Jury Report is required under California Penal Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, a written response to the Grand Jury Report has been drafted and reviewed by the City Council.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Antioch hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the written response to Grand Jury Report No. 1605 - "Caring for the Victims" which is attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit 1".

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26th day of July 2016, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Wilson, Ogorchock, Rocha and Mayor Harper

**ABSENT:** Council Member Tiscareno

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None



**ARNE SIMONSEN  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**

