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**VIA U.S. REGULAR MAIL AND  
REQUESTED EMAIL TO: [epant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov](mailto:epant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov)**

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**Re: City Response to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1615**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Pursuant to a letter dated June 24, 2016 addressed to members of the Clayton City Council pertaining to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absences in Contra Costa County Schools," attached is the City of Clayton's official response as required by applicable law.

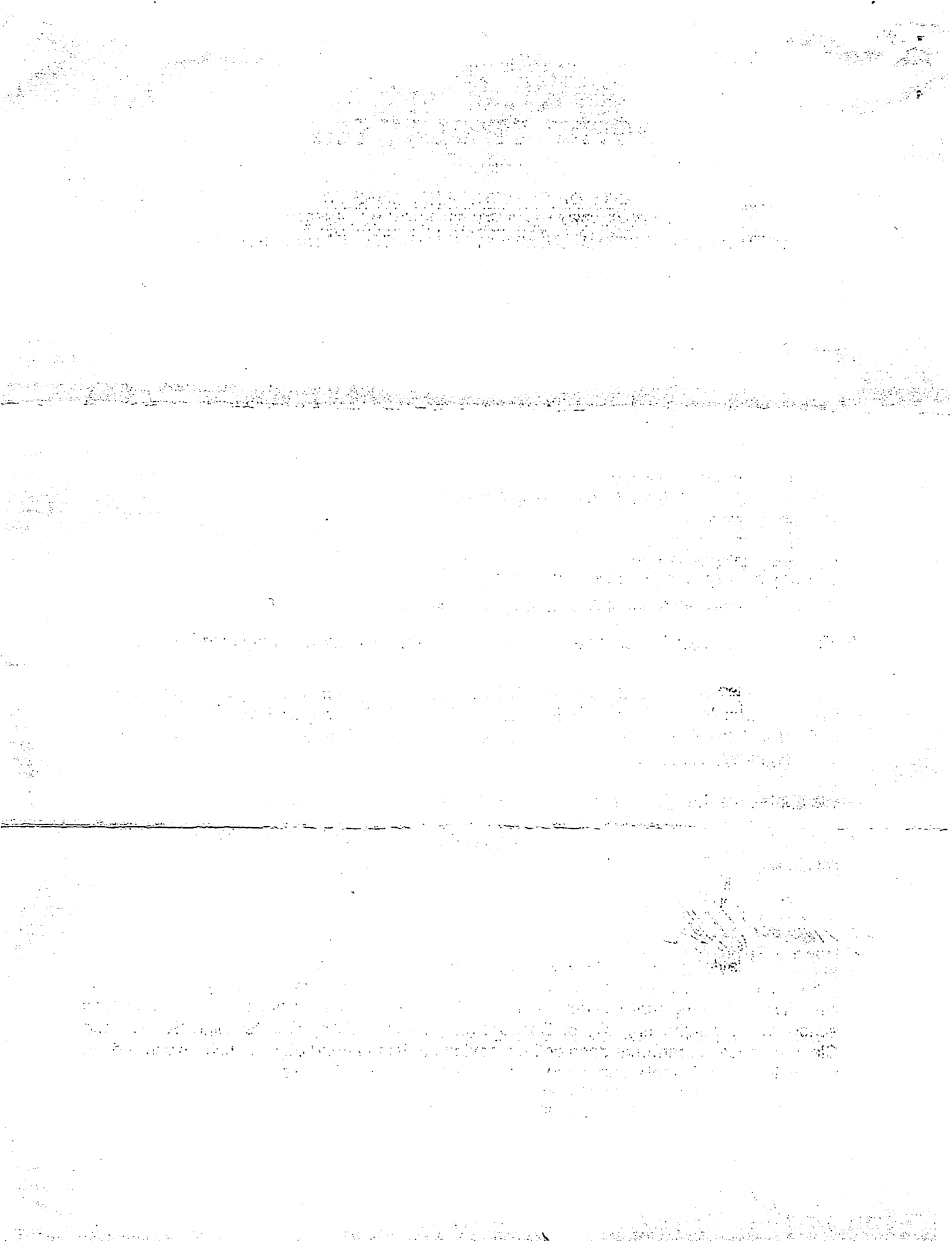
We appreciate the Civil Grand Jury's effort in researching this subject.

Sincerely,

  
Howard Geller  
Mayor

Attachment: 1. City Reply to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1615 [2 pp.]

cc: Honorable Clayton City Council Members  
Honorable John T. Laettner, Judge of the Superior Court





**CITY OF CLAYTON RESPONSE TO  
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1615**  
**“Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools”**  
**2015-16 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY**

The City of Clayton, California provides the following response to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1615, “Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools”, issued by the 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury of Contra Costa County on 24 June 2016. Pursuant to page 26 of the Report, this City is required to respond to Findings No. 11-12 plus Recommendation No. 17, adhering to format guidelines prescribed by the California Penal Code (Section 933.05).

**FINDING**

11. *The city does not have a daytime curfew.*

City Response

The City of Clayton agrees with the Finding.

12. *The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.*

City Response

The City of Clayton agrees with the Finding, having no cause to disbelieve the conclusion.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

17. *The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.*

City Response

The recommendation requires further analysis.

It is this City’s presumption the vast majority of juveniles who are truant are high school students. Clayton does not have a public or private high school campus located within its jurisdiction and local law enforcement has not observed patterns of truant juveniles in this city. Acknowledging that Clayton residents do have juveniles attending the nearest high school in the neighboring city of Concord (i.e., Clayton Valley Charter High School), the Clayton Police Department does believe having students attend daytime school can reduce the likelihood for juvenile crime and victimization to occur within this city.

Consensual contact with individuals who are believed to be truant is an available law enforcement policy employed at this time by the Clayton Police Department. Whether developing a regulation or local law to assist sworn officers with an additional proactive tool to deter or prevent juvenile crime, and improve the well-being of resident juveniles, is a matter warranting further policy discussion and evaluation. Partnering with the Mt. Diablo School District and the Charter High School governing bodies and administrations, along with collaborative efforts with surrounding police agencies, may result in an equally effective and proactive approach to curbing juvenile truancy as the Report's recommended enactment of a daytime curfew.

The City will publicly discuss the merits of a daytime curfew ordinance before 24 December 2016.

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