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By U.S. Mail and email (epant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov)

Mr. Michael Simmons, Foreperson
Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Re: City of Concord Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1615: Truancy and Chronic
Absence in Contra Costa County Schools

Dear Mr. Simmons:

This letter serves as the City of Concord's response to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury's findings and recommendations set forth in Report No. 1615, entitled *Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools*. This letter was reviewed by the Concord City Council at its August 2, 2016 meeting, and I was directed to submit the response for the City of Concord.

I. FINDINGS

Finding No. 11: "The city does not have a daytime curfew."

Response to Finding No. 11: The City of Concord disagrees with this finding. The City of Concord Municipal Code contains Chapter 9.40, which establishes a daytime curfew and includes provisions for parent education and violation enforcement.

Finding No. 12: "The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime."

Response to Finding No. 12: The City of Concord agrees with this finding.

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II. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 17: “The city should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.”

Response to Recommendation No. 17: The City of Concord has implemented this recommendation. The City of Concord daytime curfew ordinance was enacted in July 2011. Since then, the ordinance has been the impetus for the issuance of hundreds of warnings and citations to juveniles, and concurrent education of parents. The City intends that the daytime curfew ordinance will continue to be a primary tool in addressing truancy and juvenile crime problems.

Guy Swanger, Chief of Police, is available to answer any questions or provide any additional information concerning the above responses or enclosed documents. You can reach him at (925) 671-3193 or by email at guy.swanger@cityofconcord.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Valerie J. Barone', written in black ink.

Valerie J. Barone
City Manager