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Michael Simmons, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
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Via U.S. Mail and Email

RE: Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools"

Dear Mr. Simmons:

On behalf of the City of El Cerrito, this letter serves as a response to Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools," by the Contra Costa Grand Jury. In accordance with your request and Section 933.05 of the California Government Code, the City is responding as required to Finding F12 and Recommendation R17 as outlined in the Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS

F12: "The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

Response: The City of El Cerrito agrees with Finding #12.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R17: The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce and promote a daytime curfew.

Response: The City of El Cerrito has implemented this recommendation. The City of El Cerrito Municipal Code ordinance 10.70.020 establishes a daytime curfew with the intent of reducing truancy and daytime juvenile crime.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or require additional information concerning the above responses. You can reach me directly at (510) 215-4302 or by email at kpinkos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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City of El Cerrito

cc: El Cerrito City Council
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