

September 6, 2016



Grand Jury
The Honorable John Laettner
c/o Foreperson Michael Simmons
725 Court Street, Martinez CA 94553
(also by email to epant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov)

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

Dear Judge Laettner:

On behalf of the San Pablo City Council, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report: "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools." The City Council authorized this response at its meeting on September 6, 2016.

We appreciate the time that you and the Grand Jury spent considering these matters. We trust that the Grand Jury also appreciates the City time spent reviewing and responding to Grand Jury reports. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 933.05, the City of San Pablo's response to the findings and recommendations follow:

Finding

Finding #12: The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

Response: San Pablo partially disagrees with Finding #12. There are many influences, outside of enforcing a daytime curfew, that decrease or increase daytime and juvenile crime i.e. weather conditions or if school is not in session due to seasonal breaks.

Recommendations

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

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. On October 6, 2009, San Pablo adopted the Youth Protection Ordinance 9.32.101 with the purpose and intent to establish a daytime curfew. The ordinance makes it unlawful for any minor subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuing education to be found away from his or her home between the hours of eight a.m. and two p.m. when absent from school within the city without lawful excuse. Under the ordinance a violation of the daytime curfew is an infraction; not a misdemeanor. The San Pablo Police Department enforces the daytime curfew when it is appropriate and with discretion.

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

Sincerely yours,



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Mayor, City of San Pablo

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