



September 26, 2016

Michael Simmons, Foreperson
2015-2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, California 94553-0091

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1615 – “Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools”

Dear Mr. Simmons,

This correspondence will serve as the City of Walnut Creek’s response to your June 24, 2016 letter regarding Grand Jury Report No. 1615 – “Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools”.

FINDINGS:

F11. The City does not have a daytime curfew.

Response: The City of Walnut Creek agrees with this finding.

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

Response: The City of Walnut Creek partially disagrees with this finding.

The City of Walnut Creek does not believe that adoption and enforcement of a daytime curfew would have any measurable impact on daytime and juvenile crime within the City of Walnut Creek. The City has full-time School Resource Officers that coordinate with the high schools and middle schools in our jurisdiction to ensure students attend school during the day. This interaction with Walnut Creek high schools and middle schools significantly reduces absenteeism and the potential for daytime and juvenile crime. The City of Walnut Creek does not have any information regarding this finding as it pertains to other cities within Contra Costa County.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R17. The City should consider encouraging city councils that do not have a daytime curfew to pass and enforce one.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The City of Walnut Creek does not currently experience a significant level of juvenile crime. The City does not believe that adoption and enforcement of a daytime curfew would have any measurable impact on juvenile crime within the City of Walnut Creek. The existing work of the City's School Resource Officers is sufficient to address any existing levels of juvenile crime within the City.

The City Council approved this response at their September 20, 2016 regular meeting.

Sincerely,



Fran Robustelli
Assistant City Manager