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Mario Gutierrez, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, Ca 94553
Also via email to ctadmin@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

RE: City of Pittsburg Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities"

Dear Foreperson Gutierrez,

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., this letter responds to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities: Transparency and Accountability." Below, please find the City of Pittsburg's responses to the report's findings and recommendations.

Grand Jury Findings

Finding 1: In the Direct JPA model, each member delegates to the JPA a function that each member has the legal authority to provide. This shared approach results in cost savings and better efficiency on behalf of taxpayers.

Response: The City of Pittsburg agrees with the Finding.

Grand Jury Recommendations

Recommendation 1: All cities with JPAs in the County should confirm their compliance with Gov. Codes Sections 6505 by submitting the required audit report to the County Auditor by December 31, 2018.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, prior to December 31, 2018. The City will confirm its compliance with the relevant sections of the State Government Code with respect to the JPAs in which the City participates.

Recommendation 5:

All cities with JPAs should consider making special efforts, such as special mailings to taxpayers, website postings and announcements in local media, to communicate JPA debt decisions and audit reports to the public beyond simple notifications by December 31, 2018.

Response:

The recommendation will not be implemented except as to wholly controlled JPAs. JPAs are distinct, separate local entities. It is the responsibility of the JPA to communicate its debt decisions and audit reports to the public on its website and other means.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information concerning the above responses. You can reach me at (925) 252-4850.

Sincerely,



Joe Sbranti
City Manager

cc: Pittsburg City Council