

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022/29**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY  
REPORT NO. 2106: 911 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE – A NEW WAY  
“TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Antioch received a Grand Jury Report No. 2106 911 Mental Health Crisis Response: A New Way “To Protect and To Serve”;

**WHEREAS**, a written response to the Grand Jury is required under California Penal Code § 933.05 (b); and

**WHEREAS**, a written response to the Grand Jury has been drafted and reviewed by the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Antioch hereby approves the written response to the Grand Jury (Exhibit 1) and authorizes the Mayor to sign the written responses to the Grand Jury Report No. 2106: 911 Mental Health Crisis Response – A New Way “To Protect and To Serve”, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1.”

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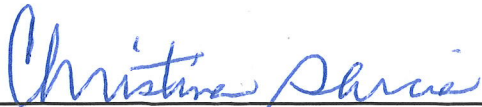
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 22nd day of February 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members District 1 Torres-Walker, District 3 Ogorchock, District 4 Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem (District 2) Barbanica, and Mayor Thorpe

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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**ELIZABETH HOUSEHOLDER**  
**CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**



February 22, 2022

The Honorable Jill Fannin  
Presiding Judge  
Contra Costa County Superior Court  
725 Court Street  
P. O. Box 431  
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

**Re: City of Antioch Response to 2020-2021 Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2016, 911 Mental Health Crisis Response: A New Way “To Protect and To Serve”**

Dear Judge Fannin:

On behalf of the City of Antioch City Council, this letter is in response to Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2106, 911 Mental Health Crisis Response: A New Way “To Protect and To Serve.” The City Council authorized this response at its meeting on February 22, 2022. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 933.05, the City is responding to the applicable findings and recommendations.

**Findings**

Finding # 1: Professional crisis team response to mental health calls can de-escalate a crisis and reduce deaths.

Response The City agrees with this finding.

Finding # 2: Law enforcement response to mental health calls reduces resources needed for serious crimes.

Response The City agrees with this finding.

Finding # 3: Successful pilot programs in other states have earned voter funding support for program expansion.

Response The City agrees with this finding.

Finding # 4: Community trust in mental health crisis response teams can only be developed over time.

Response The City agrees with this finding.



- Finding # 5: Educating the community about mental health crisis response teams is essential for their acceptance and use.  
Response The City agrees with this finding.
- Finding # 6: DHS efforts to educate the community about MCRT services have been ineffective and need improvement.  
Response: The City agrees with this finding.
- Finding # 7: Funding is required for all the phases of program development: start-up, pilot, and continuing operations.  
Response: The City agrees with this finding.
- Findings # 8: California funding grants, including AB-118, are available for pilot program creation and continuing operations.  
Response: The City agrees with this finding.
- Finding # 9: The current MCRT program does not provide standardized responses within the County due to limited hours of service and a single dispatch location.  
Response: The City agrees with this finding.
- Finding #10: The City of Antioch is a suitable community to serve as a pilot city for the MCRT expansion program.  
Response The City agrees with this finding.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Grand Jury recommends that:

- R1. By June 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approve funding for the expansion of the existing DHS/MCRT program to include a pilot project.  
Response The recommendation has not been implemented: This recommendation requires additional action by the Board of Supervisors. Approval is needed to fund the expansion of the existing DHS/MCRT program as a pilot program in the City of Antioch. The City of Antioch supports the indicated timeline.
- R2. By June 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors direct DHS to cooperate with the City of Antioch to develop a pilot project.  
Response The recommendation has not been implemented. The joint cooperation between the County DHS and the City of Antioch is essential to developing a pilot project in the City of Antioch. Once the Board of Supervisors officially



directs DHS to cooperate with the City of Antioch, then the initial steps in implementing the pilot project in the City of Antioch will be initiated.

R3. By September 30, 2022, the Antioch City Council collaborate with DHS to establish a pilot project.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented: The Antioch City Council recently approved the program design for the City's own community crisis response intervention model referred to as the Antioch Care Team (ACT). Nevertheless, the City Council has expressed its willingness to collaborate with DHS to establish a pilot project in the City of Antioch based on the stated timeline.

R4. By October 30, 2022, the City of Antioch apply for grants, including AB-118, to fund its participation in the pilot program.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented: The City of Antioch is in the preliminary stages of establishing a newly formed Public Safety and Community Resources Department.

Once the Public Safety and Community Resources Department is officially created, the City of Antioch will be in a better position to apply for grants, including AB-118, to fund its participation in the pilot program. Thus, the City of Antioch agrees with the stated Board of Supervisors recommended timeline.

R5. By June 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors direct DHS to establish a joint team including representatives from community partners for administration of the pilot project.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented. Collaboration between the City of Antioch and the County DHS, along with representatives from community partners, for administration of the pilot program is essential to both the overall implementation and success of the pilot program. Adhering to the specified timeline is equally important to establishing a joint team. The City of Antioch shall await the Board of Supervisors' direction to DHS.

R6. By September 30, 2022, DHS and the City of Antioch begin a comprehensive program to inform and educate the community members about the project and the specific resource[s] that will be available at the outset of the pilot project.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented. Once the Board of Supervisors provides direction to DHS to initiate a joint team with the City



of Antioch, the City plans to begin a comprehensive program to inform and educate the community members about the pilot project by clearly identifying the city resources that will be available under the auspices of the newly formed Public Safety and Community Resources Department.

- R7. By December 31, 2022, the Antioch Police Department and its 911 dispatchers augment their training to include the new MCRT alternative response options available

Response.

The recommendation has not been implemented. Communication between Antioch Police Department 911 dispatchers is an important component of the pilot program. Further analysis is required to examine and explore the best options for the Antioch Police Department to augment their training to include the new ACT and MCRT alternative response options available.

- R8. By September 30, 2022, DHS apply for all available state, county, and private grants (e.g., AB-118), as well as money available through Measure X, as a source of funding.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented. The City of Antioch encourages DHS to apply for all available state, county, and private grants (e.g., AB-118), as well as money available through Measure X, as a source of additional funding for the pilot project.

- R9. By December 31, 2022, DHS implement ongoing monitoring of the proposed CAHOOTS Act (S.4441) as an additional source of funding.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented: The City of Antioch, in its quest to establish the ACT will implement ongoing monitoring of the proposed CAHOOTS Act (S.4441) as an additional source of funding.

- R10. By September 30, 2022, if Antioch is not willing to be a pilot program city, DHS identify and approach an alternate city and work with it on the recommendations related to Antioch.

Response

The recommendation has not been implemented. The City of Antioch is open to participating as a County DHS pilot program city, but Antioch intends to continue the development of its own community crisis intervention team because the funding and effectiveness of the DHS pilot program for the residents of Antioch is uncertain.



On behalf of the City of Antioch, we are committed to working in partnership with Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and acknowledging both the Civil Grand Jury findings and recommendations. We trust the Grand Jury will find these responses extremely helpful to its future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,



Lamar A. Thorpe  
Mayor, City of Antioch

Cc: Samil Beret, Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Foreperson, 725 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553  
Thomas Lloyd Smith, City Attorney, City of Antioch

