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August 20, 2002

The Honorable George Abdallah
Presiding Judge
Superior Court, County of San Joaquin
222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 301
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Judge Abdallah:

On May 31, 2002, Superior Court released the Grand Jury's report on San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall (case #0801). The County Administrator's Office and the Chief Probation Officer conducted an initial review of the Grand Jury's report. The Probation Department has completed its review and implementation of the 29 recommendations arising from DMG-Maximus' operational review of Juvenile Hall.

The Probation Ad Hoc Committee, of which Judges Thomas Harrington, Michael Platt, and Richard Vlavianos are members, has implemented the recommendations of the Grand Jury and will update the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis regarding the status of the action plan. That information is included in the County's response to the Grand Jury report, which is attached.

We commend the 2001-02 Grand Jury for its conscientious review of Juvenile Hall and follow-up to the previous year's Grand Jury recommendations.

Sincerely,

Victor Mow, Chairman
San Joaquin County
Board of Supervisors

VM:SML
Attachments
c: Probation Ad Hoc Committee

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July 25, 2002

Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board Members:

Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding Juvenile Hall

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept and file this report.
2. Authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached transmittal letter to the Presiding Judge of Superior Court.

Reason for Recommendation

On May 31, 2002, the Grand Jury released a report regarding Juvenile Hall. The purpose of the Grand Jury report was to assure compliance with the previous year's Grand Jury reports regarding Juvenile Hall.

The Grand Jury stated that "The daily workings of Juvenile Hall were at par, and in many cases substantively above peer levels, in overall management, security, appropriate control of wards, and the basic human dignity to which everyone is entitled." The Grand Jury's conclusion was that "problems identified in the past have either been corrected to a level satisfactory to the Grand Jury, or are being addressed in a manner appropriate to the nature of the enterprise."

The Grand Jury's report included two inter-related recommendations:

1. That the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors review quarterly, and be updated by the Ad-Hoc Committee, the status of the 29-point action plan developed

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by the County Administrator's Office and currently being implemented at Juvenile Hall.

2. The Grand Jury asked the Board of Supervisors to detail in writing how they plan to monitor the progress of the implementation of the 29-point action plan.

The "29-point action plan" referred to in the Grand Jury report was a summary of all the recommendations included in DMG-Maximus' operational review of Juvenile Hall. That study was completed in May 2001. Since that time, the Probation Department has been working to review DMG's recommendations and implement them, as appropriate.

On March 12, 2002, the Probation Department requested the addition of two Group Counselors II in order to implement two of the recommendations included in the DMG review. The Board of Supervisors approved the request.

On June 20, 2002, the Probation Ad Hoc Committee met to review the Probation Department's progress in implementing the DMG recommendations. At that time, the Chief Probation Officer presented an Action Plan tracking chart. The Action Plan tracking chart actually includes 30 recommendations. Upon reviewing the DMG report in detail, the Probation Department found one recommendation (#29 on the chart) which was not specifically worded in the DMG report as being a recommendation. Of the 30 DMG items, the Probation Department has implemented 29 items, many of which will require ongoing effort and monitoring. The remaining item (#1 on the tracking chart) was carefully reviewed, but was deemed to be infeasible for implementation. For a number of years, Probation has used a supplemental assessment sheet, which was designed to help the rater come up with the employee's performance evaluation. DMG recommended attaching the supplemental sheet and incorporating it as part of the employee's formal written performance evaluation. After consulting with County Counsel and Labor Relations, it was decided to show the supplemental sheet to the employee, but not attach it to the formal written evaluation. The Probation Ad Hoc Committee approved the Chief Probation Officer's assessment of the 30 recommendations. The Probation Ad Hoc Committee also requested to reconvene quarterly to review the status of the implemented items, and to be informed of any new issues that may arise within Juvenile Hall or the Probation Department.

In response to the Grand Jury's first recommendation, the Probation Ad Hoc Committee has implemented the Grand Jury's recommendation to meet quarterly and review the status of the ongoing items in the 30-point action plan. Subsequent to each meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee will update the Board of Supervisors on the status of the action plan.

In response to the Grand Jury's second recommendation, upon the Board's approval, a copy of the completed Action Plan (attached) will be forwarded to the Grand Jury and will be considered an integral part of this response to the Grand Jury's report.

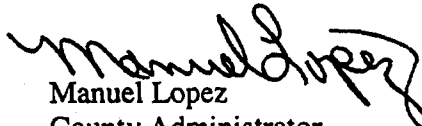
Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to accepting this report.

Action To Be Taken Following Approval

The Probation Ad Hoc Committee and Board of Supervisors will implement the Grand Jury's recommendations as outlined above. The Chairman of the Board will sign the attached transmittal letter and forward this report to the Presiding Judge of Superior Court.

Very truly yours,


Manuel Lopez
County Administrator

ML:SML

Attachments (3):

Grand Jury Report
Action Plan
Transmittal Letter

c: Probation
Superior Court
Board Clerk for agenda 8/20/02
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Before the Board of Supervisors

County of San Joaquin, State of California

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MOTION: SIEGLOCK/GUTIERREZ

Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding Juvenile Hall

This Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Accept and file this response to the Grand Jury regarding Juvenile Hall.
2. Authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board to sign the transmittal letter to the Presiding Judge of Superior Court.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on August 20, 2002,
by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: BEDFORD, SIEGLOCK, GUTIERREZ, MARENCO, MOW

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c: Probation
County Administrator
Board Clerk
Superior Court

LOIS M. SAHYOUN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
State of California

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