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August 17, 2016

Honorable John T. Laettner
Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

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

Dear Judge Laettner:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?" This response was reviewed and authorized by the Town Council at a duly noticed Town Council meeting on August 16, 2016.

Grand Jury Findings

Finding #11: The city does not have a daytime curfew.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #11.

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

Response: Danville partially disagrees with Finding #12. While some cities that have and enforce daytime curfews may see less daytime and juvenile crime, that may not be the case in all communities.

Grand Jury Recommendations

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

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Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The level of daytime crime by juveniles in Danville is so extremely low that the Town does not believe that a daytime curfew would result in having any impact on juvenile crime. Juveniles in Danville not in school during the day are often justified: they are home schooled, participate in work experience programs through their school, are enrolled in one of several private schools in the community or are on an excused absence due to medical and/or other appointments. Promulgating and enforcing a daytime curfew would detract the Town's limited public safety resources away from other efforts that address other critical programs for youth including: juvenile diversion programs at our high schools, education, counseling, youth development, and the Town's School Resource Program.

The Town appreciates the time and effort spent by His Honor and the Grand Jury in consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF DANVILLE



Karen G. Stepper
Mayor