



October 4, 2016

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

RE: City of Richmond's Response to Grand Jury Report 1615: "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools"

Dear Foreperson Simmons:

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933.05(a) and 933.05(b), please find below the response of the City of Richmond to the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury. The City's response is in italics directly below each finding or recommendation.

FINDINGS

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

Response: The City of Richmond's Police Department agrees with the Grand Jury finding that a city which has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

In 2010, the City of Richmond's City Council passed a daytime curfew ordinance (RMC 11.60.020). The purpose of the ordinance is to prohibit the presence of school aged children in public places during normal school hours. The goal of the ordinance is to reduce the number of children who become victims or who commit crimes because they are out on the streets instead of being in school. Additionally, the ordinance serves to encourage youth to attend school and obtain an education, which will greatly enhance their ability to become productive members of society.

Success of Richmond's program and evidence that daytime curfew enforcement lowers the juvenile crime rate was noted during the 2012 – 2013 school year. When comparing juvenile arrests (during school time hours) there was a 17% decrease in juvenile arrests from school year 2008 – 2009 (the year prior to the implementation of the daytime

curfew) compared to school year 2012 – 2013. Services such as academic assistance, life skills training, mentoring resources, and computer skills training was provided to the 750 students who were stopped for violating the daytime curfew during the period of 2010 – 2014. Additionally, the students were encouraged to seek out youth related afterschool programs offered by the Richmond Police Activities League (RPAL), RYSE Center, and the YMCA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

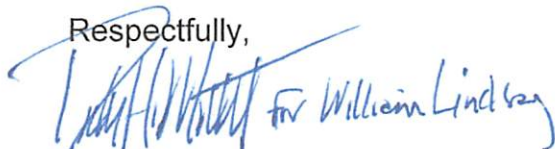
Response: The City of Richmond’s Police Department agrees that cities should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.

The City of Richmond’s Police Department will continue enforcement of the daytime curfew ordinance for school year 2016 – 2017.

The Richmond City Council reviewed and approved this response at their meeting of October 4, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond on this very important issue. Please contact me at (510) 620-6512 or at bill_lindsay@ci.richmond.ca.us if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William A. Lindsay" with a stylized flourish at the beginning.

William A. Lindsay
City Manager

cc: Tom Butt, Mayor
Bruce Reed Goodmiller, City Attorney
Chief Allwyn Brown, Police Department