

August 15, 2018

Mario Gutierrez, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
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Re: Responses to Report No. 1808, entitled "Joint Powers Authorities."

Mr. Gutierrez:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities." This response was reviewed and authorized by the City Council at the August 14, 2018 City Council Meeting.

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 believes this finding is accurate.

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 City will provide all reports required by State law.

Recommendation # 2: "R5. 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 City believes the particular JPA, not the City, should provide this

information to the media outlets in each member jurisdiction and does not intend on implementing this recommendation.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's recent Report No. 1808. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact me directly at (925) 625-7025 or at montgomery@ci.oakley.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan H. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "M".

Bryan H. Montgomery
City Manager