



City Council

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December 1, 2015

Sherry Rufini, Foreperson
2014-2015 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, California 94553-0091

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1510 – “Community Courts”

Dear Ms. Rufini,

This correspondence will serve as the City of Lafayette's response to your September 2, 2015 letter regarding Grand Jury Report No. 1510 – “Community Courts”.

FINDINGS:

F1. Participants in Community Court benefit by resolving their issues outside of the traditional court system and avoiding having a criminal record.

Response: The City of Lafayette agrees with the finding.

F2. The city benefits by receiving income from fines imposed on Community Court participants.

Response: The City of Lafayette agrees with the finding.

F5. The hearing officer for Community Court issues directives that include fines, restitution, community service, diversion programs, and/or counseling.

Response: The City of Lafayette agrees with the finding.

F6. The city does not have a Community Courts Program.

Response: The City of Lafayette has used a similar program for managing juvenile cases for several years. The City will be participating in a Community Court Program.

The City Council approved this response at their November 23, 2015 regular meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Falk".

Steven Falk
City Manager

