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Mrs. Sherry Rufini, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
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Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Also sent via email: clope2@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

Re: Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report 1510: "Community Courts"

Dear Mrs. Rufini:

We are in receipt of the Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report 1510: "Community Courts" (the "Report") and this letter outlines the City of Pinole's response to the findings and recommendations that are outlined in the Report in accordance with California Penal Code Section 933.05.

The City of Pinole appreciates the work that the Grand Jury undertook in preparing the Report, and responds to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations specific to the City of Pinole, as set forth below:

GRAND JURY FINDINGS SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF PINOLE

- **Finding Number 6**

"The city does not have a Community Court program".

Response: *The City of Pinole agrees with this finding.*

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF PINOLE

- **Recommendation Number 1**

"The City should consider establishing a Community Court".

Response: *In response to the Grand Jury recommendation the City has considered establishing a Community Courts program. The City conducted a preliminary analysis of the feasibility of implementing and executing a Community Court's program and*

determined that the City lacks the financial resources at this time to establish the program.

In closing, on behalf of the City of Pinole, I would like to thank the Grand Jury again for their effort on these municipal service reviews and annual reports. I hope that this response meets the expectations of the Grand Jury and that transparency in local government continues to be a focal point.

Respectfully Submitted,



Belinda B. Espinosa, City Manager

C Sherry Rufini, Contra Costa County Grand Jury Foreperson
Pinole Mayor and City Councilmembers
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