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September 10, 2015

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

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1510, "Community Courts"

Dear Ms. Rufini,

This correspondence will serve as the City of Pittsburg's response to your September 3, 2015 letter regarding Grand Jury Report No. 1510, "Community Courts".

List of Findings

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

City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

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

City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

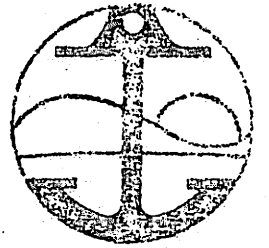
3. The city benefits by Community Court participants providing compulsory community service hours.

City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

4. The District Attorney's Office and Superior Court both benefit from Community Court due to the reduction in misdemeanor cases that each must process.

City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

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



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City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

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

City of Pittsburg Response: (2) The respondent disagrees with the finding. The City of Pittsburg began a Community Court program in March 2014.

List of Recommendations

1. The city should consider establishing a Community Court.

City of Pittsburg Response: (1) The recommendation has been implemented. The City of Pittsburg began its Community Court program as outlined in Contra Costa Grand Jury Report 1510 in March 2014.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. If you have any questions, please call me at (925) 252-4923 or Alice Evenson, City Clerk, at (925) 252-4870.

Sincerely,


Joe Sbranti
City Manager

cc: City of Pittsburg Council Members