



Town of Moraga

TOWN MANAGER

July 13, 2016

Mr. Michael Simmons, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
Post Office Box 431
Martinez, California 94553-0091

Dear Mr. Simmons,

This letter represents the response from the Town of Moraga to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1605, entitled "Caring for the Victims: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Contra Costa County," pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05.

FINDINGS:

F6: Many social workers in Children and Family Services (CFS), law enforcement, officers in Juvenile Hall and victim advocates in the District Attorney's office are not implementing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Protocol because they have not yet seen it.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #6. The Town is not aware of the practices of other entities and/or whether or not they are aware of the protocol. The Moraga Police Department recently received a copy of the protocol and has distributed it to its officers.

F7: CFS, the leader of the Oversight Committee, has not followed up with its interagency partners that have signed off on the Protocol, but have not submitted their own CSEC department plan/protocols to the Oversight Committee.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #7. The Town cannot address the practices of other entities, including the Contra Costa County Division of Children and Family Services (CFS).

F9: Suspected CSEC victims are being arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall for their own safety pursuant to various statutes under the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to infractions and crimes committed by youth, while the county assesses the appropriate health and social services to provide.

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information and services provided by town, while the county assesses the appropriate
level of funding to provide services under the Justice and Institutions Code, relating to
services. CSEC within the town is located and located into juvenile hall for their own

Division and Family Services (CFS)

under the direction of other entities including the Contra Costa County Division of
Services. The Town of Moraga partially finances with funding. The Town cannot

obtain any other services in the area of the town.

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CFS to the town of Moraga. The town of Moraga is not allowed to have an independent

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has a copy of the protocol of other entities under authority of the state of the
protocol. The town of Moraga partially finances with funding. The town is not

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the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Protocol because they have not
submitted their own protocol to the District Attorney's office and are not implementing

any other services in Children and Family Services (CFS) law enforcement officers in

services:

Chapter 11 Contra Costa County, relating to the Justice Code section 222.02

This report is a copy of the report for the Victim Commercial Sexual Exploitation of
Children. This report is a copy of the report from the town of Moraga to the Contra Costa County Sheriff

Department

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Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #9. The Town cannot address the practices of other entities, including whether any suspected CSEC victims are being arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall for their own safety. In Moraga, suspected CSEC victims are not automatically booked into Juvenile Hall. The Moraga Police Department takes an approach to CSEC that is victim-centered and trauma-informed. Additional resources, such as family members, school officials, mental health professionals and/or CFS resources are involved when necessary.

F11: No single database covering all CSEC-related arrests, referrals and pending cases exists in the County.

Response: The Town of Moraga agrees with this finding. The Town is not aware of a stand-alone (single) database that exists for this purpose.

F12: Due to the lack of a single database in the County covering all CSEC-related arrests, referrals and pending cases, the County does not know the number of victims of CSEC and where they are located.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #12. While the Town agrees that there is no single database in existence that covers all CSEC-related arrests, referrals and pending cases, the Town cannot address whether or not the County is aware of the number and location of victims of CSEC.

F13: County personnel and law enforcement dealing with victims of CSEC are well-meaning, compassionate and dedicated people trying to make the best of a very difficult situation.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #13. The Town cannot address the practices of other entities, but agrees that county personnel and law enforcement dealing with the victims of CSEC are well-meaning, compassionate and dedicated people who are trying to make the best of a very difficult situation.

F14: Most County personnel and law enforcement dealing with victims of CSEC lack in-depth CSEC training, necessary facilities for temporarily accommodating the victims and a clear-cut plan of action, which lays out how to rescue, protect and serve the victims of CSEC in a manner that is caring and trauma informed.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially disagrees with Finding #14. The Town cannot address the practices of other entities, including how other agencies deal with victims of CSEC. The Moraga Police Department recognizes that these individuals are victims and protects and serves them in a manner that is caring and trauma-informed. Additional in-depth training, facilities for temporary accommodations and a clear-cut plan of action at a countywide level could help to improve conditions for victims of CSEC.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R2: The Board of Supervisors, City Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all CSEC interagency partners, as listed in the CSEC Protocol in

Contra Costa County, should adopt their own CSEC protocols and submit them to CFS for approval.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted. The Town of Moraga does not believe that public safety agencies should adopt their own CSEC protocols and submit them to CFS for approval. Rather, the Town of Moraga believes that CFS should work with all countywide public safety agencies to adopt a uniform CSEC Protocol that is consistent throughout the county.

R9: The Board of Supervisors, City/Town Councils and Sheriff's Department should consider recommending that all first responders (usually law enforcement) refer suspected victims of CSEC to specialized and dedicated CSEC personnel, to be established within CFS.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted. While the recommendation may be an appropriate solution, the CSEC Protocol should be determined on a countywide level, not by each individual city. Once a process has been identified, either within or outside of the CSEC Protocol, the Town of Moraga will follow appropriate protocols for referring suspected victims of CSEC to other personnel or agencies.

R11: City Councils and the Sheriff's Department should direct law enforcement to avail themselves of CSEC training programs formulated by CFS and other organizations.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The Moraga Police Department has, and will continue to attend, CSEC training programs developed and presented by CFS and other organizations.

This response was reviewed and authorized by the Moraga Town Council at a regular meeting on July 13, 2016.

Sincerely,



Robert Priebe
Interim Town Manager