

August 23, 2016

The Honorable John Laettner
Presiding Judge of the Contra Costa Superior Court
A.F. Bray Court House, Department 25
1020 Ward Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report: "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools" (Report 1615)

Dear Judge Laettner:

On behalf of the Antioch City Council, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report: "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools." The City Council authorized this response at its meeting on August 23rd, 2016. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 933.05, the City will respond to the applicable findings and recommendations.

<u>Findings</u>

Finding # 11: "The City does not have a daytime curfew."

The City agrees with this finding.

<u>Finding # 12</u>: "The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crimes."

The City agrees with this finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation # 17: "The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but could be considered at such time when staffing improves to a level that could support assigning officers to enforce a daytime curfew:

The City agrees that promulgating, enforcing, and promoting a daytime curfew could be of great benefit. However, at this time, the police department could not fully support such an endeavor as they are still working to increase staffing in order to resume basic police services. At such a time police department staffing adequately improves, they would consider devoting resources/personnel to these types of activities.

We trust the Grand Jury will find these responses helpful to its endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Harper

Mayor, City of Antioch

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016/88

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1615 - "TRUANCY AND CHRONIC ABSENCE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SCHOOLS"

WHEREAS, the City received Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools" dated June 24, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, a written response to the Grand Jury Report is required under California Penal Code; and,

WHEREAS, a written response to the Grand Jury Report has been drafted and reviewed by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Antioch hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the written response to Grand Jury Report No. 1615 - "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools" which is attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit 1".

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of August 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

Council Members Wilson, Ogorchock, Tiscareno, Rocha and Mayor Harper

ABSENT: None

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN: None

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