



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Civil Grand Jury
Attn: Foreperson
725 Court Street
PO Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Re: Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools"

Dear Civil Grand Jury Foreperson,

Please find the response to Grand Jury Report No. 1615 attached from the City of Brentwood. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,



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**City Of Brentwood Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa Schools"**

FINDINGS

Grand Jury Finding F11

The City does not have a daytime curfew.

City Response: If speaking specifically about the City of Brentwood, the City agrees with the finding.

Grand Jury Finding F12

The City that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

City Response: The City partially disagrees with this finding. Outside of some anecdotal statements from a few police agencies that have a daytime curfew ordinance, the City is not aware of any independent research that provides factual data to support the statement that cities with daytime curfews see less daytime and juvenile crime. Therefore, the City cannot fully agree or disagree with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grand Jury Recommendation R17

The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.

City Response: The recommendation has been implemented. The City of Brentwood recently considered adopting a daytime curfew ordinance. After conducting research into the feasibility of a daytime curfew, it was determined that the City of Brentwood was not a good candidate for a daytime curfew. The City of Brentwood has an excellent working relationship with the Brentwood school districts, and we work closely with the schools to help address truancy. We are proud of the work we do to help identify and assist youth at risk, and we will continue to work in partnership with our school districts to find ways to decrease both truancy and juvenile crime.

City of Brentwood Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
Grand Jury Report No. 1876, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Certain Schools"

FINDINGS

Grand Jury Finding #11
The City does not have a daytime center.

City Response: It appears specifically about the City of Brentwood, the City agrees with the finding.

Grand Jury Finding #12

The City does not have a daytime center.

City Response: The City partially disagrees with this finding. Outside of some educational programs from a few police agencies that have a daytime center program, the City is not aware of any educational programs that provide instruction to support the statement that cities with daytime centers see less daytime and juvenile crime. Therefore, the City cannot fully agree or disagree with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grand Jury Recommendation #11

The City should consider opening a center to provide services and create a daytime center.

City Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The City of Brentwood recently considered opening a daytime center. After conducting research into the feasibility of a daytime center, it was determined that the City of Brentwood was not a good candidate for a daytime center. The City of Brentwood has an excellent working relationship with the Brentwood school district, and we work closely with the school to help address truancy. We are proud of the work we do to help identify and assist youth at risk, and we will continue to work in partnership with our school districts to find ways to decrease truancy and juvenile crime.