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Foreperson, Jim Mellander
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

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

Dear Foreperson Mellander:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?"

Grand Jury Findings

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

Response: San Ramon agrees with Finding #11.

Finding #12: The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

Response: San Ramon partially disagrees with Finding #12, as it pertains to the City of San Ramon. While some cities that have and enforce daytime curfews may see less daytime and juvenile crime; that may not be the case in all communities.

Grand Jury Recommendations

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented at this time as it is not warranted. The level of daytime crime by juveniles in San Ramon is so extremely low

that the City does not believe that a daytime curfew would result in having any impact on juvenile crime. The City Council conducted hearings and heard public comment regarding this issue in 2012. The findings revealed that juveniles in San Ramon not in school during the day are often justified: they are home schooled, participate in work experience programs through their school, are enrolled in one of several private schools in the community or are on an excused absence due to medical and/or other appointments. The attendance rate in the San Ramon Valley School District is very high. The City of San Ramon works closely with the San Ramon Valley School District and provides many services to address juvenile concerns, including: four School Resource Officers, a Youth Resource Officer Program, and a Community Relations and Crime Prevention Division. The City of San Ramon is well suited to address juvenile concerns without the adoption of a Truancy Ordinance.

The City appreciates the time and effort spent by the Grand Jury in consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

City of San Ramon



Joseph Gorton
Interim City Manager