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Ventura County  
Grand Jury

August 2, 2019

The Honorable Patricia M. Murphy  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY 2018-2019 ANNUAL  
DRUGS AND SHARPS DISPOSAL REPORT**

Dear Judge Murphy:

The City of Simi Valley has received the Ventura County Grand Jury 2018-2019 Final Report entitled "Drugs and Sharps Disposal Report," and pursuant to *Penal Code* Section 933, we submit the enclosed response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

The City Council considered the Grand Jury Report at its July 29, 2019 regular City Council Meeting and authorized this response. We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury in looking into this matter and the opportunity to comment upon it.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Mashburn  
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury  
City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Chief of Police

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Drugs and Sharps Disposal Report

Report Date: May 2, 2019

Response By: Keith L. Mashburn Title: Mayor, City of Simi Valley

### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings/conclusions numbered: FA-14, C-01
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings/Conclusions numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings/Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-03 have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 8/2/19

Signed:   
Keith L. Mashburn, Mayor  
City of Simi Valley

Number of pages attached: 1

## **Responses**

**Conclusion C-01:** The Grand Jury concluded that among the County law enforcement facilities that have drug disposal bins, there is a lack of information and consistency in public guidance regarding disposal of all medications, particularly for pet owners.

**Response to C-01:** The City of Simi Valley does not contest the Grand Jury's Conclusion C-01. Please refer to the response to Recommendation R-03.

**Recommendation R-03:** The Grand Jury recommends that all law enforcement agencies update their websites and other sources of public information. Information should include, but not be limited to guidance regarding the availability of disposal bins for drugs and sharps, accessibility requirements to the bins and directions for disposal.

**Response to R-03:** Staff located a discrepancy on the City's website and updated the information with instructions on how to make an appointment for disposal. Additionally, information on what types of medications (including pet medications) are accepted, how to prepare medications for deposit, and locations that accept sharps for disposal can be found on the City's website.