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GRAND JURY'S ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The *Consolidated Annual Report of the 2013-2014 Ventura County Grand Jury* is now available online at <http://grandjury.countyofventura.org>. The consolidated report contains results of 12 investigations into policies, processes and practices of various county or city governmental agencies, boards or departments. Each investigation's methods, findings and recommendations are thoroughly explained, and references and a glossary are provided.

The 12 investigative reports contained in this year's consolidated report are as follows:

- "City of Ventura Claims Process"
- "City of Ventura Crosswalk Alerts"
- "City of Ventura Hillside Area Grading Permits"
- "City of Ventura Water Rates"
- "Detention Facilities Inspections"
- "Firefighting Air Assets: The Camarillo Springs Fire"
- "Healthcare Records Processes and Procedures"
- "Moorpark Zoning Compliance, Tracking, and Reporting"
- "Public Charter Schools Processes"
- "Temporary Food Facilities in Ventura County"
- "Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance"
- "Ventura County Campgrounds Park Host Program"

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Elected public officials and boards that are subjects of a grand jury report are legally required to respond in writing to specified aspects of the report within 60 and 90 days respectively. As they are received, these responses will be posted on the grand jury website following each report.

The civil grand jury is an independent investigative body of 19 volunteer citizens charged with civil oversight of county and city governments, special districts, governing boards, school districts, health agencies and detention facilities, among other bodies. It attempts to determine if government is serving the best interests of Ventura County's residents by investigating the validity of public complaints alleging government misconduct, mistreatment or inefficiencies. The civil grand jury is completely separate from criminal grand juries.

In addition to the past year's reports, the grand jury's website contains detailed information about the grand jury, a public complaint form, an application to become a grand juror and previous years' reports and responses going back to 1995.

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