

June 17, 1997

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RESPONSES TO THE 1996-97 VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY FIRST FINAL AND INTERIM REPORTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Your Board approve the attached response to be filed with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the County Clerk as required by State statute.

DISCUSSION:

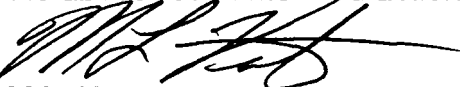
The 1996-97 Grand Jury released its "First Final Report" on March 24, 1996 and a second report titled "1996/97 Grand Jury Interim Report - Ventura County Medical Center" on May 7, 1996. State law requires that your Board comment on the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury pertaining to county government under your jurisdiction. Agency and department responses have been coordinated through the Chief Administrative Office; these are submitted for your review. Responses have been formatted according to legislation which became effective January 1997.

If your Board elects to amend these comments or add additional comments, at your direction, staff can make such changes and additions prior to submission of the response to the Presiding Judge.

Copies of responses from the elected officials are included as an information item in the Attachment. State law requires elected officials to respond directly to the Presiding Judge within sixty days of the issuance of Grand Jury reports. The elected officials have provided a copy of the submission for your Board's information.

We appreciate the dedication and commitment exhibited by the 1996-97 Grand Jurors to improve the quality of County services. The work of the Grand Jury can be demanding and exhausting; the jurors are commended for their efforts.

With any additional comments your Board may wish to make, this report should be filed as indicated in the above recommended action.



M.L. Koester
Chief Administrative Officer
Attachments