

September 23, 1997

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

1996 – 1997 RESPONSE TO THE VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

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:

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. The responses, on the whole, are comprehensive in addressing the issues and they also indicate corrective action which has been or which will be taken.

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. One Board office has submitted written comments which are included in the packet.

You may recall that the 1996-97 Grand Jury filed two reports mid-year, a First Final Report and an Interim Report, to which your Board has already responded. This response only reflects those areas which have not previously been addressed.

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

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.L. Koester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

M.L. Koester
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments