

County of Ventura

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Director



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June 30, 1999

Honorable Charles Campbell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Ventura County Hall of Justice
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge Campbell,

In accordance with California Penal Code 933.05 regarding Grand Jury findings and recommendations, the attached is in response to the 1998-1999 Ventura County Grand Jury Report titled "**Ventura County Harbor Department**".

A copy has also been directed to the Grand Jury and the Chief Administrative Office of the County of Ventura.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lyn Krieger".

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Attachment

C: Grand Jury
Chief Administrative Office

1998-1999 Ventura County Grand Jury
Report

***Ventura County Harbor Department
Department Response
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1. Findings (F) from the 1998-1999 Ventura County Grand Jury Report:
 - (F-1) The tour of the physical property did not turn up any slips in great disrepair or sunk.
 - (F-2) The condo rental area looked to be in reasonable condition.
 - (F-3) Tourist stores and restaurants looked reasonably well maintained, but facilities exceed current customer usage.
 - (F-4) The boatyards and slips appear well used and have about 75% occupancy rate.
 - (F-5) The leases currently in force lack adequate enforcement of the terms. The new Master Plan corrects this. Figure 2 (used in the report) is an excerpt from a development draft indicating the intended directions to be taken on leases.
 - (F-6) The new master plan is well presented and has been offered to the public and the City for their suggestions. It included such things as water taxis pedestrian walks with street crossing and bike paths.

Response from the Harbor Department:

The Harbor Department concurs with the Grand Jury findings (F1 through F-6). Timelines will be continuous and ongoing as issue of maintenance and landscaping require constant oversight. The Department anticipates new leasing policies to be before the Ventura County Board of Supervisors by mid-year fiscal year 1999-2000

2. Recommendations (R) from the 1998-1999 Ventura County Grand Jury Report:
 - (R-1) Approve the Master Plan. Promote more public awareness in the area around CIH (Channel Islands Harbor).

Response from the Harbor Department:

The Harbor Department concurs with this recommendation and is committed to winning necessary approvals of the Master Plan over the next 18 – 24 months. The Harbor Department is committed to promoting more public awareness of the Harbor and will be hiring a Marketing Specialist in August 1999.

(R-2) Continue the effort for mutual cooperation between the County and the City. Increased bus business for both will certainly be the result.

Response from the Harbor Department:

The Harbor Department concurs with recommendation and is continuing its efforts to maintain mutual cooperation between the County and the City of Oxnard. Staff changes at the City of Oxnard is source of concern in this area.

(R-3) The proposed weekend and weeklong packages with other Ventura County attractions certainly should be continued.

(R-4) Continue boating enhancements through appropriate boatyards, chandlers and berths.

Response from the Harbor Department:

The Harbor Department concurs with both (R-3 and R-4) recommendations. As stated previously, the Harbor Department will be hiring a Marketing Specialist in August 1999.