

1999-2000 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

**STATUS REPORT ON VENTURA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY
PLAN**

Respondent: Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation (R-1):

That Ventura County should inform the State of California that Proposition 21 is an additional financial requirement that is being passed to the County as an unfunded mandate and request appropriate funding.

Response: Partial Concurrence

The CAO concurs with the Grand Jury's finding that the County will bear additional costs associated with the implementation of Proposition 21.

However, under Government Code §17556, (Criteria for not funding costs mandated by State), states that the commission (Commission on Mandates) shall not fund costs mandated by the state, in any claim submitted by a local agency or school district, if, the commission finds that the mandate has been approved through executive order or in a statewide election.

Since Proposition 21 was ratified by a statewide election, the County's option for petitioning reimbursement from the State is limited. Nevertheless, the CAO will pursue all administrative options within its purview to inform the State of these additional mandates.