

July 17, 2006

The Honorable John R. Smiley, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, Ventura County  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: 2005-06 Grand Jury Report No. 11 entitled, "Ventura County Information Systems Department CalWIN Implementation."

Dear Judge Smiley:

I have received and reviewed the Grand Jury's report entitled, "Ventura County Information Systems Department CalWIN Implementation." The report found CalWIN to be an extremely well organized and managed project. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Grand Jury for taking the time to carefully and thoughtfully review such a large and complex automation project.

The report title recognizes the engagement of the Information Systems Department (ISD) as the lead in the CalWIN effort. ISD played a key and critical role in the technology infrastructure and conversion portions of this effort, along with other key contributors to its success.

The CalWIN project began six years ago in March 2000 when the 18 Welfare Client Data Consortium counties formed a partnership to develop, design and implement the CalWIN application under the auspices of the state and federal government. A consortium-wide CalWIN Project team was formed in Folsom, California with contract staff and subject matter experts loaned from member counties, including Ventura County's Human Services Agency (H.S.A.). Locally, H.S.A. led the Ventura County CalWIN project team from its inception, ultimately dedicating over 100 technical, management and program staff to the effort over a six-year period.

Again, I thank the Grand Jury for recognizing the CalWIN team's professional expertise and sound project management techniques. The successful implementation of one of the more complex automation projects in the County's

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history was the result of the sustained efforts of many people, including an extremely productive partnership between ISD and H.S.A.

Sincerely,



JOHN F. JOHNSTON  
County Executive Officer

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors  
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T. Myers, H.C.A.