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James H. Dekker, Foreperson  
Ventura County Grand Jury  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

VENTURA COUNTY  
GRAND JURY

Dear Mr. Dekker:

In response to the Ventura County Grand Jury report titled, Affordable Housing in Ventura County Cities, the City of Fillmore submits the following response.

**Recommendations**

**R-01.** Each City should increase efforts to work with businesses and developers to actively pursue solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems associated with issues of Affordable Housing.

*City Response: The City concurs with the Grand Jury's recommendation. The City currently works with developers and businesses to address issues commonly associated with affordable housing.*

**R-02.** Each City should educate its residents on how local services (education, police, health care, etc.) depend upon the availability of Affordable Housing.

*City Response: The City concurs with the Grand Jury's recommendation. This recommendation requires further study on the part of the City to determine the best methods for educating the community. The City of Fillmore requires a minimum of 15% affordable units of each development proposed within the City's Redevelopment Project Area (approximately 90% of the City). However, with continued opposition by no growth proponents the City is experiencing problems with meeting the affordable housing goals contained within the State approved Fillmore Housing Element.*

Please feel free to contact me anytime should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Ristau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas R. Ristau  
City Manager

Cc: Honorable John R. Smiley, Presiding Judge