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Honorable Colleen Toy White, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, Ventura County
Hall of Justice, #2120
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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Dear Judge White:

The City of Simi Valley has received the 2006-2007 Grand Jury report, "Ventura County Disaster Evacuation Plan" and in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit this response to the Grand Jury recommendations.

R-01. VC OES and VCDC should work with the ten cities in the County to facilitate development of coordinated and integrated emergency evacuation plans for each of these communities. These plans should include how the public and emergency service providers are to be informed of an alert and what their responses should be. These local plans need to recognize that the VC OES is the chief disaster coordinator in the County; the plans need to be readily available to the public.

The City of Simi Valley agrees that continued coordination and integration among emergency managers is an important and necessary aspect of an effective disaster response. In this regard, the City of Simi Valley will participate fully with the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services and the Ventura County Disaster Council in developing a coordinated evacuation program for the communities within Ventura County.

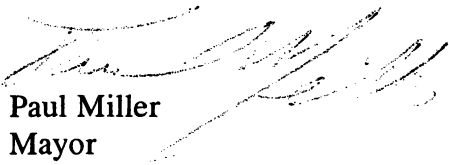
R-06. Any evacuation plans developed by VC OES and the cities or special districts in Ventura County should be publicized and widely distributed. A user-friendly brochure detailing preparedness actions and evacuation routes should be developed for distribution to all residents in the County. As maps and plans are updated, the changes should be similarly publicized.

The City of Simi Valley supports this recommendation and will work in coordination with VC OES and other emergency management agencies in the County to develop an effective public information program on evacuation planning for Ventura County residents.

The City Council accepted the Grand Jury report at its July 23, 2007 meeting and authorized this response. In accordance with the Grand Jury's request, a copy of the minutes of that meeting will be provided once they have been prepared and approved.

Should you require anything further, please feel free to contact me at (805) 583-6703.

Sincerely,



Paul Miller
Mayor

cc: Alyce O. Klussman, Foreman, Ventura County 2006-2007 Grand Jury
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Chief of Police