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Ventura County Grand Jury
800 S. Victoria Ave., L#3751
Ventura, CA 93009
Attention: Alyce O. Klussman, Foreman

Subject: Grand Jury Report Ventura County Disaster Evacuation Plan

Dear Ms. Klussman:

Thank you for the recent Grand Jury Report titled "Ventura County Disaster Evacuation Plan". The Ventura County Transportation Commission shares the concerns of the Grand Jury that the threat of natural disasters of all kinds, including tsunamis, is of concern to all of Ventura County and all of the governmental agencies should work to reduce the threat. We have worked with the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services (VC OES) to improve communications and the response capabilities between the transit providers and the VC OES, and will continue that effort.

We concur with your comments (R-06) that hazard and evacuation information should be available before and during a natural disaster. While we have not provided disaster planning or evacuation developed by the VC OES, we do believe that VCTC assist in making that information more widely available through our GOVENTURA.ORG website, and will work with the VC OES to either provide links to their information, or provide information they provide us. Because our website is used by people who are looking for transportation information, it is possible that we will increase the level of information and awareness before disasters strike.

Again, thank you for raising the level of discussion of this important topic. If we can provide any additional information or if you have questions regarding VCTC, please contact our Executive Director, Ginger Gherardi, at (805) 642-1591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe DeVito".

Joe DeVito,
VCTC Chair