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Mr. Don Cody, Ed.D. Chairman, Grand Jury Review Committee
Mr. Robert A. Peskey, Foreman, 2010-2011 Grand Jury
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

VENTURA COUNTY
GRAND JURY

Dear Messrs Cody and Peskey:

Thank you for your letter of January 27, 2011, requesting follow-up information on the City's response to the Grand Jury report on Utilization of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facilities, specifically a timeframe for implementing the recommendation that Officers be provided Probation Agency information regarding the criteria for accepting juveniles into the Juvenile Justice Facility, and the use of the Risk Assessment Instrument and Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

The City's response letter dated August 2, 2010, indicated that the City would implement the recommendation during roll call briefings and training bulletins at such time as the Probation Agency provides the necessary information. The City was unable to offer a timeframe as to when the Probation Agency's protocol would be complete and available for use by our Police Department. In the intervening period, the County's Juvenile Justice Steering Committee, to which the Simi Valley Police Department has a representative, has been working on this issue and it is our understanding that the protocol will be finalized this Spring, at which time the City will implement the Grand Jury's recommendation.

If there is any other information or assistance you require regarding this subject, we will be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Mayor

- cc: City Council
- City Manager
- City Attorney
- Assistant City Manager
- Chief of Police



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September 2, 2010

Mr. Don Cody, Ed.D. Chairman, Grand Jury Review Committee
Mr. Robert A. Peskay, Foreman, 2010-2011 Grand Jury
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Messrs Cody and Peskey:

I am in receipt of your August 30, 2010 letter to Mayor Paul Miller indicating that the Grand Jury has not received the City's letter responding to the Grand Jury's *Utilization of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facilities* report, which was due by August 11, 2010. The Simi Valley City Council considered the Grand Jury report at its August 2, 2010 meeting, and authorized the attached response, which our records indicate was mailed to your offices the following day.

The City values the work of the Grand Jury and takes seriously its responsibility to respond within the timeframes established by law. I would appreciate your staff contacting Executive Assistant Mary Bearns at (805) 583-6701 upon receipt of this letter so that we can be sure it has been received. If you require anything further, we would be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

Mike Sedell
City Manager

Attachment

cc: City Council



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August 2, 2010

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Honorable Kevin J. McGee, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, Ventura County
P. O. Box 6489
Ventura, CA 93006

Dear Judge McGee:

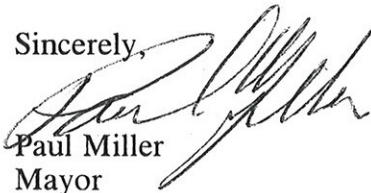
The City of Simi Valley has received the 2009-2010 Grand Jury report, "Utilization of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facilities" and we submit this response to the Grand Jury recommendation R-10.

The City Council appreciates the efforts of the Grand Jury in examining governmental duties and operations so that we may continue to deliver services to the communities we serve in a cost-effective and appropriate manner. Further, the Simi Valley Police Department values the work of the Ventura County Sheriff and Probation Agency, and has long enjoyed a cooperative and collaborative working relationship with these agencies as it relates to addressing the full range of law enforcement issues, including juvenile justice matters.

The Grand Jury report requests a response to recommendation R-10, which states, "Police Chiefs and the Sheriff should provide Officers with Probation Agency information regarding the criteria for accepting juveniles into the JJF, the use of the RAI, and JDAI." This recommendation will be implemented within the Police Department, through roll call briefings and training bulletins, upon the Probation Agency providing information regarding the Juvenile Justice Facility and Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

The City Council considered the Grand Jury report at its August 2, 2010 meeting and authorized this response. The contents of this letter shall also constitute the response requested of the Chief of Police. We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury and this opportunity to respond to its recommendations.

Sincerely,



Paul Miller
Mayor

cc: H. G. Kelley, Foreman, Ventura County 2009-2010 Grand Jury
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager
Chief of Police