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GRAND JURY

The Honorable Vincent O'Neill, Jr.
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge O'Neill:

The City of Simi Valley has received the 2011-2012 Grand Jury report, "Mandatory Detention Facilities Inspections," and following your approval of an extension, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit this response to the Grand Jury findings.

The City Council appreciates the efforts of the Grand Jury in annually inspecting all places of incarceration in the County, including temporary holding facilities and jails.

The Grand Jury requires a response to findings FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, and FI-04 and recommendation R-05.

Findings

*FI-01. All places of incarceration in the County meet the minimum standards of the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) for the areas reviewed.*

Response to FI-01: The City agrees with this finding. The Simi Valley Police Department has maintained policies and procedures that ensure that the Department's incarceration locations meet and exceed the minimum standards of the CSA.

*FI-02. Holding facilities and jails in the County are doing a satisfactory job holding, pre-booking or booking, and incarcerating juveniles. Both Ojai and Camarillo facilities have innovative programs for dealing with juveniles.*

Response to FI-02: The City agrees with this finding. The Simi Valley Police Department has maintained a Youth Services Officer (Diversion) Program since 2007, a School Resource Officer Program at the City's schools since the 1990's, and has been providing Parent Project classes to parents who are challenged by their at risk children since 2009. All of these programs were developed to encourage parents and/or responsible parties of the offenders to become more involved and proactive in the juveniles' actions.

*FI-03. The following facilities excelled in overall cleanliness: Main Jail, Todd Road Jail, East Valley, Camarillo, Moorpark, and Simi Valley.*

Response to FI-03: The City agrees with this finding. The Simi Valley Police Department has maintained policies and procedures that ensure that the Department's facility is maintained in a clean and safe manner in an effort to reduce any health risks to those that utilize the facility.

*FI-04. All facilities are prepared for natural disasters and medical incidents.*

Response to FI-04: The City agrees with this finding. The Simi Valley Police Department has maintained policies and procedures that ensure that the Department has a comprehensive safety plan in place in the event of a natural disaster.

Recommendation

*R-05. That the cities without parenting programs for juveniles review and implement innovative programs such as those of Camarillo and Ojai.*

Response to R-05: This recommendation has already been implemented. The Simi Valley Police Department has maintained a Youth Services Officer (Diversion) Program since 2007, a School Resource Officer Program at the City's schools since the 1990's, and has been providing Parent Project classes to parents who are challenged by their at risk children since 2009. All of these programs were developed to encourage parents/responsible parties of the offenders to become more involved and proactive in the juveniles' actions.

The City Council considered the Grand Jury report at its November 19, 2012 meeting and authorized this response. We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury in looking at this matter and this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Mayor

cc: Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Chief of Police
Interim Assistant City Manager, Government Affairs

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

**Report Title:** Mandatory Detention Facilities Inspections

**Report Date:** May 30, 2012

**Response by:** Robert O Huber **Title:** Mayor

### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, FI-04
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
  *(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-05 have been implemented.
  *(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)*
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
  *(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
  *(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)*
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
  *(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: 11/19/12 Signed: [signature]

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