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The Honorable Judge Brian J. Back  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Grand Jury Report: 2012-2013 "Elections and Polling"

Dear Judge Back:

This letter is in response to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations contained in the 2012-2013 Elections and Polling final report dated June 3, 2013.

## FINDINGS

**Finding (FI-01):** Compromised security of the counting room.

**Response:** The security of the counting room is the responsibility of the Election Division, and the Sheriff's Office will continue to work cooperatively with the Election Division to assist in whatever manner they deem necessary to providing security on Election Day.

**Finding (FI-02):** The Election Division should concentrate on the secure counting of votes as its primary responsibility to County Voters.

**Response:** The Sheriff's Office agrees that the secure counting of votes is the primary responsibility of the Election Division.

**Finding (FI-04):** BOS should...request Sheriff to assign uniformed deputy to monitor counting room.

**Response:** Sheriff's Office staff currently, and will continue to, work collaboratively with County Clerk & Recorder's Office staff as it relates to satisfying their requested security needs.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation (R-02):** BOS should...request Sheriff to assign uniformed deputy to monitor counting room.

**Response:** Sheriff's Office staff currently, and will continue to, work collaboratively with County Clerk & Recorder's Office staff as it relates to satisfying their requested security needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury report. If additional explanation is needed, please feel free to contact Assistant Sheriff Crombach at 805-654-3926.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury  
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