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

Subject: Response to the Grand Jury Report -- Government Accounting
Standards Board

Dear Judge Back:

On April 25, 2013, the Ventura County Grand Jury issued its report entitled, "Government Accounting Standards Board." The Report contained findings and recommendations regarding the City's compliance with the GASB financial accounting and reporting requirements. In particular, the Report focused on the City's reporting of pension and healthcare costs for active employees, retirees and their dependents.

The Grand Jury found the City in substantial compliance with the GASB reporting requirements (FI-07). And, while the Grand Jury commended the City (and in fact all ten cities in Ventura County) on its compliance, it recommended that the City continue to comply with the GASB reporting requirements.

The City utilizes generally accepted accounting principles in all its accounting practices. In addition, the City's financial data is audited yearly in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. In both instances, the City has and will continue to comply with GASB financial and reporting requirements in order to maintain financial objectivity and transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Report. Should you have any further questions or desire any further information, please contact me or City Manager Jaime Fontes.

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Fernandez, Mayor
City of Santa Paula

cc: Santa Paula City Council
Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager
Sandy Easley, Finance Director
Rosemary Reitz, Ventura County Grand Jury Foreperson