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August 19, 2013

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

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report – Detention Facilities Inspections

Dear Judge Back:

In its June 25, 2013, report entitled "Final Report – Detention Facilities Inspections," the Ventura County Grand Jury inquired into whether the fourteen detention facilities in the County, including Santa Paula's, met the Corrections Standards Authority's (the "CSA") minimum standards for cleanliness and maintenance. At the conclusion of the Report, the Grand Jury requested a response from the City to Finding FI-01 and Recommendation R-01. We provide the following responses to these Findings and Recommendations.

Finding:

FI-01 *All incarceration facilities in the County meet or exceed the minimum standards of the CSA for the areas reviewed.*

The City of Santa Paula recognizes the importance of complying with the CSA's standards for maintenance and cleanliness at its detention facility. Compliance with the standards helps ensure the safety and well-being of both staff and those being detained. The City will strive to exceed the CSA's minimum standards.

Recommendations:

R-01 *The Grand Jury recommends that Fillmore and Santa Paula PDs keep booking areas clean and cleaning agents be kept in the booking area for health and safety cleanup during emergencies.*

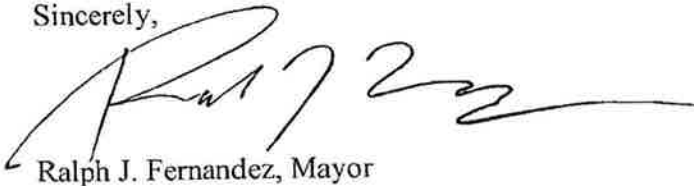
The City agrees with this recommendation. The City has begun the process of painting and making all necessary repairs to each individual detention cell and the booking area. These areas will be inspected daily to assess their condition and required cleaning, repairs and maintenance will be slated for completion. Internally, the Department has assigned the daily Watch Commander to prepare an "inspection log" to monitor compliance with

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the standards on a daily, weekly and monthly basis as well as note any needed supplies, chemicals or equipment. Lieutenant Ismael Cordero has been assigned to monitor the overall condition of the detention facility.

We 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafael Fernandez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ralph J. Fernandez, Mayor

cc: Santa Paula City Council
Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager
Steven McLean, Police Chief
Rosemary Reitz, Ventura County Grand Jury Foreperson