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July 31, 2013

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

Dear Honorable Judge Back:

Subject: Grand Jury Request – Ventura County Library

Attached you will find the Camarillo City Council's written response signed by Mayor Craven, as requested by the Grand Jury, to the Findings and Recommendations in subject report.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury report. The City appreciates the very important role that the Grand Jury serves. If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at (805) 388-5309.

Sincerely,

Bruce Feng  
City Manager

cc: Jay Whitney, Foreman  
Ventura County Grand Jury (2012-2013)  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Camarillo City Clerk

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Ventura County Library  
Report Date: June 4, 2013  
Response by: Mayor Charlotte Craven and Camarillo City Council  
Title: Mayor and City Council Members

### FACTS

The Report Requests the City of Camarillo to respond to Findings 03-05 and 08-10. However, there are only seven findings. Richard Petropulos (City of Camarillo Director of General Services) contacted Jay Whitley and was advised that the City of Camarillo should instead respond to Facts 03-05 and 08-10. See Attachment for responses to Facts 03-05 and 08-10.

### RECOMMENDATIONS


The Report does not request the City of Camarillo to respond to any Recommendations.

*(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 as listed below will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

None

Date: July 25, 2013

  
Charlotte Craven, Mayor  
City of Camarillo

Number of pages attached: 1

## ATTACHMENT TO RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

FA-03 Cities that have opted out of the VCLS state that their decision was correct for their community and that they are providing more efficient operation and service at less cost.

Response to FA-03. The City agrees that this fact is correct for the City of Camarillo Public Library.

FA-04 The above statement is based on the claims of employees and management of independent libraries and do reflect statistical data. The Grand Jury did not receive any statistical data to the contrary.

Response to FA-04. The City of Camarillo does not know the source or content of what was communicated to the Grand Jury regarding FA-03.

FA-05 As observed by the Grand Jury, employees in both library settings appear to be equally satisfied, dedicated and service oriented.

Response to FA-05. The City of Camarillo does not know what was observed by the Grand Jury so the City is unable to comment.

FA-08 It was found in statistical materials presented by the VCLS, when the Camarillo and Moorpark libraries withdrew from the County system, they represented a greater number of employees that served approximately seven times the number of citizens as the average remaining VCLS library. When Simi Valley withdraws from the VCLS later in 2013, its numbers are also greater than the average VCLS remaining libraries.

Response to FA-08. The City of Camarillo does not know what the Grand Jury found in statistical materials presented by the VCLS so the City is unable to comment.

FA-09 Municipalities claim that contract administration provides greater efficiency, more services, longer hours at less cost than county administration, according to an article entitled, "Annual Report 2010: Local Government Privatization," publish by Reason Foundation.

Response to FA-09. The City of Camarillo has found that contract administration provides greater efficiency, more services, and enhanced programming at less cost than county administration. Past year savings have ranged from almost 16% in FY2009/10 to a projected 23% in FY2013/14. If we use a 4-year average we would be around 23% savings since operating independent from the County.

FA-10 Independent libraries were found to offer programs that are designed to encourage the public to observe, experience and explore the library, such as professional interest and entertainment presentations.

Response to FA-10. The City of Camarillo Public Library does offer programs that are designed to encourage the public to observe, experience and explore the library.