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The Honorable Judge Donald D. Coleman
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Grand Jury Report – Detention Facilities and Related Law Enforcement Issues

Dear Judge Coleman:

This letter is in response to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations pertaining to the Detention Facilities and Related Law Enforcement Issues report, as it relates to the City of Fillmore City Council.

Finding: FI-07. Proposition 47's consequences, both intended and unintended, are only beginning to be evaluated. Early indications are that it may be successful in reducing the State prisoner population, but the effects on local law enforcement agencies and communities are yet to be understood. (FA-47, FA-48, FA-49, FA-50, FA-51, FA-52)

Response: The Fillmore City Council agrees with the Grand Jury that the effects on law enforcement and communities are yet to be understood.

Finding: FI-09. Electronic data communications improvements are needed between the Fillmore police station and the Sheriff's communication center. (FA-22)

Response: The Fillmore City Council agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation: R-02. The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Office, Probation, and city councils closely track and evaluate the impact of Proposition 47 on local law enforcement agencies and communities and report findings to the Board of Supervisors. (FI-07)

Response: The Fillmore City Council agrees with this recommendation.

Grand Jury Response

Recommendation: R-05. The Grand Jury recommends that the Fillmore City Council provide funds and direct the Sheriff to improve electronic data communication in order to reduce communication delays between the Fillmore police station and the Sheriff's communication center. (FI-06)

Response: The Fillmore City Council will work with the Sheriff's Department to determine ways to improve electronic data communication and look for funding sources.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury report. If additional explanation is needed, please feel free to contact Fillmore City Manager, Dave Rowlands at 524-1500 or drowlands@ci.fillmore.ca.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas Tucker".

Douglas Tucker, Mayor
City of Fillmore

cc: Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury
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