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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Detention Facilities and Related Law Enforcement Issues

Report Date: June 1, 2015

Response By: City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933.05 (c) and (d), the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks provide the following responses to the findings and recommendations included in the above referenced Grand Jury Report.

BACKGROUND

In an effort to decrease State of California prison populations, Proposition 47 was passed in November 2014, which reclassified some property and drug-possession crimes from felonies to misdemeanors requiring only the issuance of citations. Although early indications are showing that Proposition 47 may be successful in reducing State prison populations, the effects on local law enforcement agencies and communities have yet to be evaluated or understood.

FORMAT OF RESPONSE:

The City's detailed response to the Grand Jury Report is set forth in the following pages. The response is ordered in the same manner as the report itself – Facts, Findings, and Recommendations.

RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

We agree with finding numbered FI-07.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

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)”

City Response: Recommendation numbered R-02 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

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The City of Thousand Oaks contracts with the Ventura County Sheriff for police services in the City, operating as the Thousand Oaks Police Department. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office, as part of its duties, is currently evaluating and tracking the impacts of Proposition 47 and will report those findings to its governing body, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. The City of Thousand Oaks has no means or method to independently track the impacts of Proposition 47 and relies upon the expertise of the Ventura County Sheriff to do so and take appropriate action in response for the benefit of the Thousand Oaks community. In addition, the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks does not report to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors as a governing body.

SUMMARY:

The City of Thousand Oaks wishes to thank the Grand Jury for its forward thinking in dealing with issues posed by proposition 47.

Date: July 14, 2015

Signed: 
Al Adam, Mayor
City of Thousand Oaks

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