

EXHIBIT 3

FY 2015-2016 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

RESPONSES TO FINDINGS (FI) AND RECOMMENDATIONS (R)

Report Number (& Date)	Report Title	Respondents (With FI and R #)
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REPORT NO. 03 May 26, 2016

Title: **Public Access to Conflict of Interest Codes**

Required

Respondent: **Board of Supervisors**
(for approval) (FI-01 plus R-01)

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Response to 2015-2016 Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Public Access to Conflict of Interest Codes

Report Date: May 26, 2016 Responding Agency/Dept. County Executive Office

Response Prepared by: Brian Palmer Title: Deputy Executive Office/Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F1-01
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01 have been partially implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(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 _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 7/19/16 Signed: Linda Parks
Linda Parks – Chair, Board of Supervisors

Number of pages attached: 1

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Public Access to Conflict of Interest Codes

F1-01 – The Grand Jury found that Conflict of Interest Codes for Ventura County and its 10 cities are not easily accessible to the public.

For the County of Ventura, we partially disagree. While there is no direct link on the already-full main County web pages to Conflict of Interest Code, it is easily accessed via searching. Performing a search on either the main or any other County Web Page, using the term Conflict of Interest Code, results in the first search result returned being a link that takes the searcher directly to the Conflict of Interest Code page on the Clerk of the Board’s Website. Performing a search using Google using the term Ventura County Conflict of Interest Code, results in the first search result returned being a link that takes the searcher to the Form 700 page on the Clerk of the Board’s Website, which also contains a link to the Conflict of Interest Code. (searches performed/confirmed on June 28, 2016)

R-01 – The Grand Jury recommends that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors establish a direct link on the County homepage for public online access to its Conflict of Interest Code.

The main County webs page is extremely full, and is designed in a manner that utilizes the limited space on the home page to facilitate direct access to the most important services directly, and all other information in as few steps as possible. The County of Ventura will partially implement R-01 by adding a link within the Find page, which is accessible on the main County homepage. Using this feature will direct the searcher to the Conflict of Interest Code page in two clicks (one to click on Find, and one to click on Conflict of Interest Code).

(additional information) References – Within the References section of the report, the Grand Jury cites an obsolete (repealed) Ordinance regarding Ventura County’s Conflict of Interest Code. The report’s attachment Att-01 does not provide the navigation directions used to find the repealed Ordinance, nor does the report state whether or not they were able to find the document(s) that they were seeking.