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Ventura County
Grand Jury

January 9, 2017

Pamela Riss, Foreperson
2016-17 Ventura County Grand Jury
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: City of San Buenaventura – Campaign Contributions
Transparency**

Dear Ms. Riss:

The City of Ventura received the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report “Campaign Contributions Transparency”. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit this response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations.

The City Council appreciates and welcomes the efforts of the Grand Jury’s review of countywide review of public access to conflict of interest codes.

The Grand Jury requires a response to conclusion C-04 and recommendation R-02.

Conclusions

C-04: *If the format of online information was consistent, the citizens of the County would be able to easily compare records of monetary contributions made to candidates for public office. The City of Simi Valley has the most user friendly format regarding contributions online.*

Response to C-04: *Agree.* If online information was consistent, the Citizens of the County would be able to easily compare monetary contributions made to candidates for public office.

Recommendations

R-02: *The Grand Jury recommends that all cities within the County direct staff to establish a direct link on their website homepage for public online access to records of all monetary contributions made to their candidates for public office.*

Response to R-02: *Neither Agree or Disagree.* The City is currently in the process of updating our website to make it even more user friendly. The new website will be completed by mid-2017 and will include direct links for highly referenced items and current hot topics. A new search feature will eliminate the need for direct links on the front page as the website pages can be searched by topic by users.

Sincerely,



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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Campaign Contributions Transparency

Report Date: December 1, 2016

Response by: Antoinette Mann Title: City Clerk

FINDINGS / CONCLUTIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: C-04
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed;
Include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations number _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a time frame for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R-02 require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: January 9, 2017 Signed: Antoinette Mann

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