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Ventura County  
Grand Jury

August 11, 2017

The Honorable Patricia M. Murphy  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: City of Simi Valley  
Ventura County 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report on  
Annual Detention Facilities and Law Enforcement

Dear Judge Murphy:

Please find enclosed the City of Simi Valley's response to the Ventura County 2016-2017 Grand Jury report on Detention Facilities and Law Enforcement which was approved by the City Council at the meeting of August 7, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Livingstone, Simi Valley Police Chief at (805) 583-6901 or the City Clerk's Office at (805) 583-6748.

Respectfully,

Ky Spangler  
Deputy Director/City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Ventura County Grand Jury  
Pamela Riss, Foreperson  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Simi Valley Chief of Police

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Annual Detention Facilities and Law Enforcement Reports  
Report Date: May 17, 2017  
Response By: Robert O. Huber Title: Mayor, City of Simi Valley

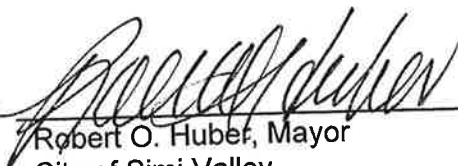
### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: C-07
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings/Conclusions numbered: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings/Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- 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.
- Recommendations numbered R-07 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: Aug. 10, 2017

Signed:   
Robert O. Huber, Mayor  
City of Simi Valley

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## Responses

**Conclusion C-07:** *The Grand Jury concluded body cameras have become a law enforcement best practice. The Simi Valley Police Department is the only city law enforcement agency in the County not using body cameras.*

**Response to C-07:** The City of Simi Valley does not contest the Grand Jury's Conclusion C-07. Please refer to the response to Recommendation R-07.

**Recommendation R-07:** *The Grand Jury recommends the Simi Valley City Council follow best practice and approve funds to implement a body camera program for sworn officers.*

**Response to R-07:** The City of Simi Valley is currently evaluating the implementation of body cameras. Due to budget constraints, however, the costs associated with such a program are prohibitive. While grants are available to cover the initial start-up costs, the projected impact to the City's budget would be \$1.7 million over a five year period. This cost includes the implementation of a program with 125 cameras and the addition of a full-time staff member to handle the data storage, Public Records Act requests, and requests for discovery from both the District Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices.