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Ventura County  
Grand Jury

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

Mr. Andrew Ludlum  
Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

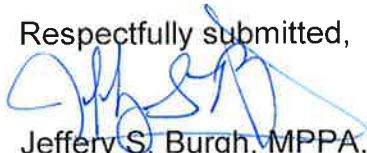
Re: Auditor-Controller Response to 2017-18 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury April 19,  
2018 Final Report: Ventura County Use of Vehicle-Registration Fees

Dear Judge Murphy and Mr. Ludlum,

Please find enclosed the County Auditor-Controller's response to the 2017-18 Ventura  
County Civil Grand Jury April 19, 2018 Final Report: Ventura County Use of Vehicle-  
Registration Fees.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to  
contact me at (805) 654-3151. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffery S. Burgh, MPPA, CFE  
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Enclosures



**Response to Grand Jury Report Form**

Report Title: Ventura County Use of Vehicle-Registration Fees

Report Date: April 19, 2018

Response by: Jeffery S. Burgh Title: Auditor-Controller

**FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS**

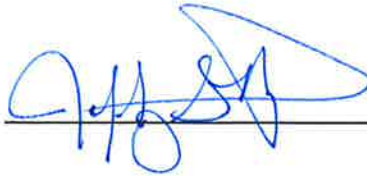
- I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: C-05
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings / Conclusions numbered:  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings / Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered R-03 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 \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: June 12, 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **CONCLUSIONS**

**C-05.** The Grand Jury concluded the CAL-ID policy of having funds wired directly from the State to a trust fund managed by the Auditor-Controller provides more accountability and adherence to State statutes. (FA-09, FA-10, FA-11, FA-15)

**Response:** Agree. The Auditor-Controller's Office agrees with the Grand Jury's conclusion that the CAL-ID policy of having funds wired directly from the State to an Auditor-Controller managed trust fund, provides for increased accountability.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R-03.** The Grand Jury recommends the Ventura County Board of Supervisors direct that funding for the Vehicle Theft Program be deposited into a trust account held by the Auditor-Controller's Office in order to provide more accountability, transparency, and oversight. (C-03, C-05)

**Response:** Has been implemented. On January 23, 2018, based upon a request received from the District Attorney's Office, we established the Vehicle Theft Trust account. All funds received from the State are to be deposited directly into this account. Current account balance is \$459,113.

