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Ventura County  
Grand Jury

The Honorable Kent M. Kellegrew  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: City's Response to Grand Jury Report Entitled "Drugs and Sharps Disposal"

Dear Judge Kellegrew:

On May 20, 2019, the Ventura County Grand Jury issued its annual report entitled "Drugs and Sharps Disposal" (the "Report"). The Report addresses the Grand Jury's investigation into the availability of drug disposal bins at law enforcement agencies in Ventura County. The Grand Jury found that County residents are generally poorly informed about the existing drug disposal bin programs and drug disposal procedures in the County. The Grand Jury also found discrepancy between the amount and type of drugs Ventura County Behavioral Health reports being collected and the amount and type of drugs the Sheriff's Office actually collects. At the conclusion of the Report, the Grand Jury requested a response from the City to Conclusion C-01 and Recommendation R-03. We provide the following responses to these Conclusions and Recommendations in accordance with Penal Code §933.05.

**Conclusion:**

**C-01** *The Grand Jury concluded that among the County law enforcement facilities that have drug disposal bins, there is a lack of information and consistency in public guidance regarding disposal of all medications, particularly for pet owners.*

The City agrees with Conclusion C-01. Our Police Department now has in place a drug disposal bin and have adopted policies to address the intake and disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications. A copy of this policy is attached hereto.

The medication collection bin has been in place since June 10, 2019 and is located in the Police Department lobby. Once removed, the medication will be stored in the Department's secure evidence room.