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Honorable Lesley D. Holland, Presiding Judge
San Joaquin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 201022
Stockton, CA 95201

Re: Grand Jury Report: 2013-2014 Case No. 1613 – Agency Approval of Responses
to Grand Jury Reports: *Do They Know What They Approve?*

Honorable Judge Holland:

This letter responding to the above referenced Grand Jury Report is submitted in
accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05.

2.0 How Responses to Grand Jury Reports are Approved

Finding

**F 2.1 Over the last four years, almost all responses by the County and the Cities
were approved by unanimous votes after little or no discussion by the elected
officials or the public.**

The City agrees that, over the last four years, its responses to Grand Jury Reports have
been approved by unanimous votes. However, elected officials and the public have
participated in some discussion regarding such responses.

Over the last four years, the City of Tracy responded to two Grand Jury Reports. Both
were approved with unanimous votes of the City Council. One report was approved on
the consent calendar with no discussion. The other report was considered on the City
Council's regular agenda and it was discussed by both the City Council and the public.

Recommendation

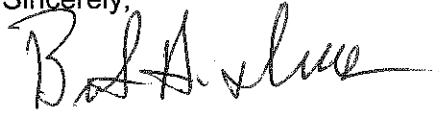
**R 2.1 All legislative bodies publicly explain the reasons for its response to Grand
Jury Findings and Recommendations prior to voting to approve their response.**

This recommendation will be implemented. The City will place future responses to
Grand Jury Reports on the City Council's regular agenda for discussion and



consideration. In addition to a written staff report, staff will also provide a verbal report, so the City Council and public better understand the City's response.

Sincerely,



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On Behalf of the Tracy City Council

cc: Members of the Tracy City Council
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