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

**RE: Follow-Up Report to the 2013-2014 San Joaquin County Grand Jury
Case No. 1613**

Dear Judge Holland:

The City of Lodi has reviewed the follow-up report to the 2013-2014 San Joaquin County Grand Jury Case No. 1613, regarding City Council input on Grand Jury responses. The Council has seriously considered Grand Jury finding 2.1 and the accompanying Grand Jury recommendation applicable to the City of Lodi, discussed the same with its professional staff and pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05, submits its comments as set forth below.

As required by Penal Code section 933(c), the Council's comments were approved at the Council's regularly scheduled meeting of December 3, 2014.

Finding 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.

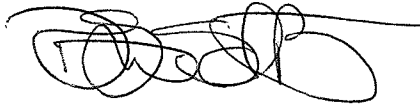
City Response: Lodi agrees with this finding in part and disagrees in part. Lodi agrees that the majority of its responses were approved unanimously. Lodi further agrees that there was little literal discussion about the approvals. However, focusing exclusively on literal discussion misapprehends the majority of the legislative process. Legislatures speak through majority assent towards a proposition. That proposition must necessarily be in written form. Each of Lodi's responses over the four-year period were fully reasoned and explained in staff reports and draft responses. Council, following review and consideration, adopted each of those reasoned responses.

Recommendation 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.

City Response: The City already implements this recommendation. The reasoning behind the response is fully detailed in the staff report to Council and letter responding to the Grand Jury. Both are published as part of the City's agenda in advance of the Council meeting and, following Council review and consideration, adopted by the Council.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Schwabauer', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Stephen Schwabauer
City Manager

cc: City Clerk
City Attorney