



CITY OF MANTECA

TIM OGDEN, CITY MANAGER

November 21, 2018

Hon. Linda Lofthus, Presiding Judge
San Joaquin County Superior Court
180 East Weber Avenue, Room 1306J
Stockton, CA 95202

RE: Response to 2017-2018 San Joaquin County Grand Jury Reports - Case #0117 and Case #0917

Dear Judge Lofthus,

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933(c) and subdivisions 933.05 (b)(3) and (c), the City Council of the City of Manteca presents the following responses to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2017-2018 Grand Jury Reports - Case #0117 and Case #0917 which pertain to Code Enforcement (Case #0117, p.5) and Ethics (Case #0917, p.10).

Case #0117 Finding

F3.1 Manteca is still experiencing reduced staff levels created by the recession in 2008. The resulting level of code enforcement is reactive, which allows some blight and safety issues to continue.

Recommendation

R3.1 Manteca explore budget options to restore the code enforcement officer position and consider using volunteers to increase code enforcement compliance.

Response

This finding has been reviewed by the City Council at the November 20, 2018 meeting. The City of Manteca has not cut any code enforcement positions, so unclear how the finding was derived. However, pursuant to subdivision 933.05 (b)(3), this recommendation requires further analysis by the Police Department that is responsible for code enforcement and the City Manager, as it directly relates to increases to budget and personnel. Manteca currently has 2.5 FTE dedicated to code enforcement and the City



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Council will need to explore possible options for adding additional FTE during the upcoming budget process.

Case #0917 Finding

F6.1 The City of Manteca does not have an ethics policy for its elected and appointed officials and senior staff such as the city manager, city attorney, city clerk and their subordinate employees not represented by a bargaining unit. Failure to have an ethics policy could lead to poor judgement, public misconception and lack of trust.

Recommendation

R4.1 By October 31, 2018, the Manteca City Council develop and adopt an ethics policy that governs the behavior of its elected and appointed officials and senior staff.

Response

This finding has been reviewed by the City Council at the November 20, 2018 meeting. All legislative bodies and local agency officials are required to take the California Ethics Training (AB1234) bi-annually and this has sufficed in the past. However, the City Council will be reviewing staff recommendations about developing a Code of Ethics policy in February 2019.

Sincerely,

Tim Ogden
City Manager
City of Manteca

cc: John Brinton, City Attorney, CityAttorney@mantecalaw.com



**MINUTE ORDER OF THE
MANTECA CITY COUNCIL**

MO2018-06

I, LISA BLACKMON, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF MANTECA, do hereby certify that at its Regular Meeting of November 20, 2018, the Manteca City Council took the following action:

C.23. Approve the Grand Jury Response Letter and authorize the City Manager to sign.

ACTION: Moved, seconded (Moorhead/Singh) Approve the Grand Jury Response Letter and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Motion carried:

AYES: Moorhead, Morowit, Silverman, Singh, DeBrum

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Dated: November 28, 2018

**LISA BLACKMON
CITY CLERK
CITY OF MANTECA**