



# CITY OF STOCKTON

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Presiding Judge  
San Joaquin Superior Court  
222 East Weber Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95202

**CITY OF STOCKTON RESPONSE**  
**2012-13 CASE NO. 1112 - MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD**  
**IGNORES THE PEOPLES' RIGHT TO BE INFORMED**

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In accordance with Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the City Council of the City of Stockton responds to the Grand Jury Report on the above-referenced case as follows:

**FINDINGS**

F 4.1 Membership on the District Board is seen as a family right and obligation passed through generations, or as a pathway for political advancement.

*Response: The respondent is not in a position to agree or disagree with this finding. This finding is a subjective statement. The City of Stockton is not in a position to ascribe the perception or motive of the appointive bodies or members appointed to the District. Appointments that have been made by the City of Stockton have been made in accordance with our own internal policies and process as well as in compliance with District policies and practices.*

F 4.2 Long terms on the District Board may lead to complacency in reviewing District financial conditions and a clear understanding of issues brought before the Board for consideration.

*Response: The respondent partially agrees with this finding. The current City Council has placed high priority on the values of transparency, accountability and responsible governance. This has been well demonstrated by the reform efforts of Council and staff in addressing issues at the City that have long been ignored or unrecognized. The*



*current Council is committed to the thorough review of all past practices, including appointments to boards, commissions and districts. With this commitment in mind, there is a balance between allowing lengthy terms of service that can lead to complacency and terms that are too brief and don't allow for the development of expertise and understanding of detailed subject matter. There is more than one solution to assuring that appointed officials remain diligent and responsive in their roles. The City Council is committed to holding our respective appointees accountable for their actions and attention to their duties.*

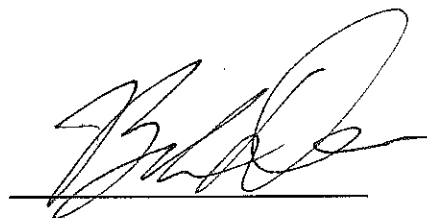
F 5.1 Issues regarding non-transparent functioning and actions of the District Trustees bring into question the need for the District Board as presently appointed by the Cities and the County Board of Supervisors.

***Response:** The respondent is not in a position to agree or disagree with this finding. There is more than one solution to addressing concerns with transparency and accountability of District Trustees. This will require further study after conferring with other cities and the County. If this discussion is raised within that forum, the Council will consider the analysis and options presented.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

R 4.1 No later than November 1, 2013, the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council of each city in the County petition the appropriate agencies and/or the State legislature to establish term limits of two consecutive four-year terms for District Board Trustees.

***Response:** The respondent is not in a position to agree or disagree with this recommendation. This will require further study after conferring with other cities and the County.*



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