



City of Tracy
333 Civic Center Plaza
Tracy, CA 95376

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAIN 209.831.6000
FAX 209.831.6120
www.cityoftracy.org

SENT ELECTRONIC MAIL
grandjury@sjcourts.org

October 28, 2020

Honorable Xapuri B. Villapudua, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin
180 East Weber Avenue, Suite 1306J
Stockton, CA 95202

*Re: Grand Jury Report: Tracy City Council: Homelessness in San Joaquin County 2019-2020
Case No. 0119*

Honorable Judge Villapudua:

This letter responds to the above-referenced Grand Jury Report in accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05. The City Council has reviewed and thoughtfully considered the Grand Jury's Report. The responses contained in this letter have been approved by the Tracy City Council.

F 3.1 *Although many residents are interested in how homelessness is being managed, only the City of Lodi has published accomplishments in plain language on its website. This lack of readily available information makes it difficult for residents to understand what is being done to address homelessness*

The City disagrees partially with this finding.

R 3.1 *By December 30, 2020, the Cities of Stockton, Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop, Ripon, and Escalon post plain language information on their website that outlines the actions each city has taken to address homelessness*

This recommendation has been implemented.

The City of Tracy established a dedicated webpage to Homelessness in April 2019, shortly after the Tracy City Council established the Council Ad Hoc Committee to guide the creation of a Tracy Homelessness Strategic Plan. The web page clearly outlines specific Council and staff activities related to homeless and provides hyperlinks to City Council meetings, staff reports as well as links to other resources such as County Behavioral Health, Tracy Community Connections as well as serves as a one-stop-shop for linking interested visitors to additional homelessness resources including updated information from the Center for Disease Control's guidance with respect to homeless individuals and service providers.

R 3.2 *By December 30, 2020, the Cities of Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop, Ripon, and Escalon adopt the San Joaquin Continuum of Care as the primary organization through which the County and cities work together to develop solutions to homelessness.*

This recommendation has not yet been implemented.

Upon Council direction, staff will return to Council with a resolution adopting the San Joaquin Continuum of Care as the primary organization through which the City of Tracy will work with the County and other cities to develop solutions to homelessness.

R 3.3 *By December 30, 2020, the Cities of Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop, Ripon, and Escalon in open session officially acknowledge and support the Program Administrator for Homeless Initiatives position as the homeless coordinator for San Joaquin County.*

This recommendation requires further analysis.

It is unclear what “support” means in the context of this recommendation. Staff will seek clarification from the Grand Jury to better understand its definition of “support” and what action(s) would demonstrate “support” of the San Joaquin County Homeless Coordinator position. Staff will endeavor to obtain the information and return to Council with a recommendation by December 30, 2020.

Sincerely,



Robert Rickman
Mayor
City of Tracy