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**2017-2018 SAN JOAQUIN GRAND JURY
RELEASES REPORT ON
OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Today, the San Joaquin County 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury released its report investigating the Office of Violence Prevention. The Civil Grand Jury's duty is to address citizens' concerns regarding the operation of local government entities. The Grand Jury decided to investigate the Office of Violence Prevention after hearing both praise and criticism of it in various presentations by city officials and private citizens.

As part of the investigation, the Grand Jury conducted interviews with Office of Violence Prevention staff, law enforcement, department heads, and community and government leaders. Documents were reviewed and analyzed, including data, manuals, websites, logs, plans and contracts.

In the course of its investigation, the Grand Jury found that the work of the Office of Violence Prevention in the City of Stockton is vital and necessary if the city is to see a much-desired decrease in the number of gang-related gun homicides. The Grand Jury made a number of recommendations to improve the work of the office. Greater transparency about its work, especially a larger and more frequent release of data, and changes in its internal organization and operations are necessary to justify its existence and the Measure A money it expends each year.

The Stockton City Council is required to submit a response to the Presiding Judge of San Joaquin County Superior Court within 90 days as to each finding and recommendation contained in the Grand Jury's report.

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