

JIM ERICKSON  
*City Manager*

July 27, 2007

David E. Power  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Solano Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Honorable Judge David E. Power:

I have reviewed the Solano County Grand Jury's report issued June 2, 2007 entitled "Solano County Animal Care Services". I am responding pursuant to, and in the manner described in, California Penal Code Section 933.05.

**Finding 6: The Shelter, located next to the Claybank Detention Facility, is inadequate in size and design.**

Staff from Animal Services and the Sheriff's Department are in discussion regarding the location of a new shelter and have been looking at sites in close proximity to the jail.

**Recommendation 6a: Building a new shelter should become a high priority for the County and its cities.**

As stated in the attached Memorandum of Understanding, the parties will meet and come up with a viable location, design and funding for a new shelter.

**Recommendation 6b: The location of a new shelter should be in the best interest of the animals and the residents of Solano County.**

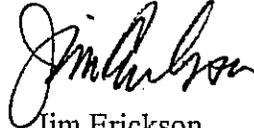
The City of Benicia concurs with the finding and recommendations of the Grand Jury. If the Shelter is inadequate in size and design, the County and Cities should be meeting to discuss viable options for a new facility. It is not necessary for a new facility to be located next to the Claybank Detention Center; however, this location should not be ruled out.

The City of Benicia only contracts with Solano County Animal Care for services. Consequently, all other findings and recommendations included in the Grand Jury's report are more appropriately addressed by Solano County Animal Care Services or the Solano County Sheriff's Department.

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If there are any further questions regarding this issue, please have your staff contact Captain Steve Mortensen at (707) 746-4262 or via e-mail at [smortensen@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:smortensen@ci.benicia.ca.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jim Erickson  
City Manager

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding

cc: Sandra Spagnoli, Chief of Police