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

RE: 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Vallejo Police Department and Holding Facility
Report date: May 18, 2007

Dear Judge Power,

This letter contains the City of Vallejo's response to the Solano County Grand Jury Report of May 18, 2007, regarding the Vallejo Police Department and Holding Facility.

The Vallejo Police Department's management staff has reviewed the Grand Jury's recommendations and provided the following:

Finding #1: The Vallejo Police Department holding area needs repair and consistent maintenance.

Response: Agree.

Recommendation #1: Repairs should be made where needed to keep the holding cells and surrounding areas clean and maintained.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented as best we can. The holding cells are cleaned daily and repainted approximately every two years. Limited funding is available for repairs throughout the Police Station and problems are corrected in order of priority.

Finding #2: Emergency evacuation signs were not visibly posted within the Vallejo Police Department.

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Response: Disagree.

Recommendation #2: Signs should be posted immediately.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because additional signage is not warranted. Following the Grand Jury's visit, the Police Department was inspected by the City's Fire Prevention Division and found to be in compliance with all fire and emergency evacuation requirements and regulations.

Finding #3: Juvenile crime has increased in Vallejo.

Response: Agree.

Recommendation #3: Evaluate to improve the Prevention Crime Program at elementary schools and implement additional programs for middle schools.

Response: This recommendation will unfortunately not be implemented due to a lack of funding. The Vallejo Police Department suffered a \$3 million budget reduction this Fiscal Year and the elimination of 16 sworn and non-sworn staff members. As a result, there is no opportunity to engage in additional crime prevention activities.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

cc: Frederick G. Soley, City Attorney
Mayor & Members of the Vallejo City Council
Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager/Community Development
Robert W. Nichelini, Chief of Police

