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*City Manager*

THE CITY OF  
**BENICIA**  
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SUPERIOR COURT, DEPT. 16  
SCOTT KAYS

The Honorable Scott L. Kays  
Presiding Judge  
Solano County Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Kays:

The 2003 Solano County Grand Jury Report contains two areas in which a response is necessary from the City of Benicia.

Detention / Holding Facilities, Page 32, Recommendation #1

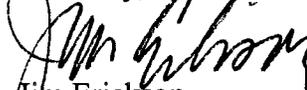
Our current police facility is woefully inadequate in almost every area. It is the intent of the city to build a new modernized police facility, which shall include a fully compliant temporary holding facility area. In November, the citizens of our community will vote on a General Obligation Bond to fund the new facility. A new facility will comply with the recommendation of the Grand Jury.

Public Safety Radio Interoperability, Page 44

Representatives from the Benicia Police and Benicia Fire Department are part of the countywide Steering Committee that is researching this topic. We firmly support the three goals outlined in the Grand Jury Report (data sharing, radio interoperability and consolidated county wide dispatch). The Benicia Police Department has assisted in funding the initial study and, with the other agencies, will pursue a funding plan to implement all recommendations.

If there are any further questions or concern, please contact me at (707)746-4210.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Erickson  
City Manager

CC: Jame Trimble, Chief of Police