



# CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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Honorable Robert C. Fracchia  
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RE: Response to 2015-2016 Solano County Grand Jury Report, "Homelessness – Omnipresent and Invisible?"

Dear Judge Fracchia:

As requested and required by the Solano County Grand Jury report issued June 16, 2016, the City of Fairfield has the following responses:

### Finding 5

The City of Vallejo has established a citywide Participatory Budget Process to engage citizens to develop and recommend projects under the annual budget.

### Recommendation 5

The Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Mayors/City Managers in Solano County engage citizens to develop and recommend priorities and projects through the adoption of a Participatory Budget Process.

### Response to Recommendation 5

Budget processes are just one of the ways by which each city demonstrates its unique community character. The City of Fairfield conducts an annual workshop where the public can provide input on organizational goals and key projects that impact the budget process. In addition, the City periodically conducts statistically valid community polling that includes learning about the community's spending priorities. The City is always open to recommendations and input from citizens throughout the year.

### Finding 7

All cities in Solano County need to understand the real cost of homelessness and how it impacts services, safety, loss of retail revenue, damage to the infrastructure in their cities, etc.

### Recommendation 7

7A. At such time that the county implements recommendation Number 6, the county openly shares the findings, methodology and accounting principles encompassed with the seven county cities to provide them the ability to replicate the study.

### Response to Recommendation 7A

The City of Fairfield is always willing to consider effective methods that produce a true cost of homelessness and its impacts to cities and will consider any methodology the County develops to see if it can be replicated in Fairfield to produce salient results.

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7B. All cities in Solano County conduct a cost assessment analysis to supplement the county results to develop a true depiction of the costs associated with homelessness to the cities of Solano County.

**Response to Recommendation 7B**

As part of the Homeless Strategy adopted by the Fairfield City Council in early 2015, the City began tracking some direct costs attributed to the impacts of homelessness and continues to do so. We will consider any methodology the County develops to see if it is more effective in producing a “true depiction of the costs” and if it can be replicated in Fairfield to produce salient results.

**Finding 9**

The Grand Jury understands regional planning is a necessary and vital component to creating solutions to homelessness and has been informed that efforts are underway to develop a regional approach to the homelessness issues.

**Recommendation 9C**

The Mayors of the seven cities in the county, serving in the capacity of the Solano City County Coordinating Council, establish homelessness as a priority item on their agenda and support the implementation of a regional plan as part of their responsibilities.

**Response to Recommendation 9C**

The City of Fairfield agrees with Finding 9. The seven cities and Solano County established homelessness as a priority by supporting the regional homeless strategy efforts currently underway by CAP Solano JPA. Determining the most effective implementation path is best assessed once the specific recommendations forthcoming in the regional strategy are developed and evaluated.

Please contact me at (707) 428-7399 if you should have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

cc: Darrin Davenport, 2015-2016 Solano County Grand Jury Foreperson