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Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

SUBJECT: Receive and File the Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity for January through June 2023

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND:

The Auditor-Controller's Office officially established the Employee Fraud Hotline (Hotline) in August 2001 to address complaints of fraud, waste, and abuse, which indicate areas of risk and exposure to the County.

Hotline issues may be reported by telephone at (805) 644-6019, e-mail at Fraud.Hotline@ventura.org, and regular mail through the Auditor-Controller's Office.

DISCUSSION:

From January through June 2023, the Hotline received 30 new complaints, of which 22 (73%) have been closed and 8 (27%) remain under review as shown in Exhibit 1.

During this period, we also closed 18 of the 21 issues from prior periods that were still under review.

Of the 40 total issues that were closed during the reporting period, 2 issues were substantiated.

In brief, our Hotline policy requires that we evaluate and follow all reported issues until we determine that the issues have been satisfactorily resolved. Therefore, we may take various courses of action depending on our evaluation of the allegation, including actions that may require the cooperation and assistance of other County agencies/departments.

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This letter has been coordinated with the County Executive Office and County Counsel.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-3151.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit 1 - Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity, January through
June 2023