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July 23, 2024

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 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:** The items presented in this Board letter support making responsible and efficient use of public funds and promote economic stability and growth during a changing economy.

**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](mailto:Fraud.Hotline@ventura.org), and regular mail through the Auditor-Controller's Office.

**DISCUSSION:**

From January through June 2024, the Hotline received 28 new complaints, of which 25 (89%) have been closed and 3 (11%) remain under review as shown in Exhibit 1.

During this period, we also closed 11 of the 12 issues from prior periods that were still under review.

Of the 36 total issues that were closed during the reporting period, 3 issues were substantiated.

Honorable Board of Supervisors

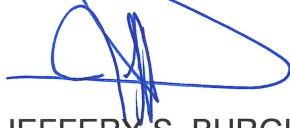
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In brief, our Hotline policy requires that we evaluate and follow all reported issues until we determine that the issues have been satisfactorily resolved. Therefore, we may take various courses of action depending on our evaluation of the allegation,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

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JEFFERY S. BURGH', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

JEFFERY S. BURGH  
Auditor-Controller

Exhibit 1 - Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity, January through June 2024