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July 23, 2019

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 2019

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 2019, the Hotline received 66 new complaints, of which 35 (53%) have been closed and 31 (47%) remain under review as shown in the Exhibit.

During this period, we also resolved/closed 11 of the 23 issues from prior periods that were still under review.

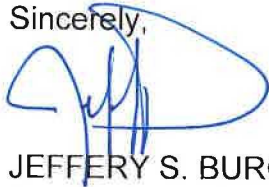
Of the 46 total issues that were resolved/closed during the reporting period, 11 issues were substantiated.

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 District Attorney, County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Health Care Agency (HCA) Compliance Office. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-3151.

Sincerely,



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Auditor-Controller

Exhibit - Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity, January through June 2019

cc: Honorable Gregory D. Totten, District Attorney
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Matt Sandoval, HCA, Compliance Officer