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County of Ventura  
Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Responses to the 2019-2020 Ventura Grand Jury Reports, Entitled "Financial Relationship Between Ventura County Medical Center and the Ventura County General Fund", "Human Trafficking in Ventura County", for Submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that your Board approve Responses to the 2019-2020 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports, entitled "Financial Relationship Between Ventura County Medical Center and the Ventura County General Fund" (Exhibit 1) and "Human Trafficking in Ventura County" (Exhibit 2), pertaining to County Government under your Board's control for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in accordance with State Statute

## **DISCUSSION**

Penal Code §933.05 requires that your Board comment on the Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury pertaining to County Government under your authority.

The 2019-2020 Grand Jury issued a report on April 2, 2020 entitled "Financial Relationship Between Ventura County Medical Center and the Ventura County General Fund." The Grand Jury required responses from your Board, and from the Auditor-Controller and Health Care Agency. The response from your Board was prepared by the County Executive Office and the Health Care Agency for your Board's approval and are attached as Exhibit 1. The Auditor-Controller, as an elected official, is required to submit a response directly to the Presiding Judge and the response is provided here only for informational purposes as your Board's approval is not required. This response is also attached as Exhibit 3.

The 2019-2020 Grand Jury also issued a report on April 8, 2020 entitled "Human Trafficking in Ventura County." The Grand Jury required a response from your Board

which was prepared on your behalf by the County Executive Office (CEO) for your approval. Responses were also required from the Ventura County District Attorney, the Environmental Health Division of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency (RMA), Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force (Chaired by the Ventura County Sheriff), and all the ten cities in the county. The response from your Board was prepared by the County Executive Office and RMA for your Board's approval and are attached as Exhibit 2. The District Attorney and Sheriff, as elected officials, are required to submit a response directly to the Presiding Judge and the response is provided here only for informational purposes as your Board's approval is not required. These responses are attached as Exhibit 4 and 5. The ten cities' responses were also required to be submitted directly to the Presiding Judge and do not require your Board's approval and were not available to be included.

The responses pertaining to County government under your control will serve as your Board's response to the subject 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report to be filed as indicated in the recommended action along with any additional comments your Board may wish to make.

If your Board elects to amend a response prepared on your behalf to the subject reports before you for approval, then CEO staff, at your direction, will make such changes or additions prior to submitting the response to the Presiding Judge.

This letter was reviewed by County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mike Pettit at (805) 654-8264 or Robert Bravo at (805) 662-6868.

Sincerely,



Michael Powers  
County Executive Officer

Attachment:

- Exhibit 1 – Response to Grand Jury Report "Financial Relationship Between Ventura County Medical Center and the Ventura County General Fund"
- Exhibit 2 – Responses to Grand Jury Report "Human Trafficking in Ventura County"
- Exhibit 3 – Auditor-Controller's Response to Grand Jury Report "Financial Relationship Between Ventura County Medical Center and the Ventura County General Fund"
- Exhibit 4 – District Attorney's Response to Grand Jury Report "Human Trafficking in Ventura County"
- Exhibit 5 – Ventura County's Human Trafficking Taskforce's Response to Grand Jury Report "Human Trafficking in Ventura County"