

**FY 2019-2020 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT
RESPONSES TO FINDINGS (F1) AND RECOMMENDATIONS (R)**

Report Number Respondents (& Date)	Report Title (With F1, C and R#)
REPORT NO. 01	April 8, 2020
Title:	<u>Human Trafficking in Ventura County</u>
Required Respondent:	Board of Supervisors (Joint response with the Health Care Agency) (C-03, C-04, and R-01)
Requested Respondent:	Environmental Health Division of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency (Joint response with Board of Supervisors) (C-05 and R-02)

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Human Tracking in Ventura County

Report Date: April 8, 2020

Response by: Robert J. Bravo Title: Deputy Executive Officer, CEO

CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: C-03 and C-04
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R-01 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 9/11/2020 Signed: Robert J. Bravo

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Report Date: April 8, 2020

Response by: Robert J. Bravo

Title: County Executive Officer

Date: September 1, 2020

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

C-03. The Grand Jury concluded that differences in County and city massage parlor ordinances allow illicit businesses to avoid legal consequences.

Response: Partially Agree – The County recognizes that many legal complexities exist that may allow illicit businesses to avoid legal consequences and agrees that differences in County and city massage ordinances may contribute to such avoidance of legal consequences.

C-04. The Grand Jury concluded that coordinating ordinances regarding massage parlors among the County and cities within the County will improve the effectiveness of enforcement operations.

Response: Agree – The County is supportive of this coordination through the Task Force to develop a model massage parlor ordinance intended to help curb the illicit massage parlors. This model ordinance, if acceptable by the County and cities, could potentially be approved by these jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R-01. The Grand Jury recommends the County and each of the cities within the County coordinate their respective ordinances regarding massage parlors through the efforts of the Task Force.

Response: Agree – Once the Task Force has developed a model massage parlor ordinance for the County and cities to adopt, the County will consider such adoption.

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Response By: Charles Genkel

Title: Deputy Director of EHD/RMA_____

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings/conclusions numbered: C-05
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings/conclusions numbered: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-02 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.
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Date: 8-13-2020

Signed: _____

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*Environmental Health Division of the Resource Management Agency (Division)
Implemented actions to recommendations: R-02*

The Division is the designated enforcement authority for massage parlor operations in unincorporated areas of County of Ventura. The Division issues operating permit (Health Permit) for massage businesses and charges annual fees to cover inspection costs. One Environmental Health Specialist in the Community Services Section of the Division is designated to inspect massage businesses.