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# Response to Grand Jury Report Form

| Report Title: Human Trafficking Report  |
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| Report Date: April 8, 2020  |
| Response by: Romano Bassi Title: Commander  |
| FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS  |
| • I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: <u>C-06 &amp; C-07</u>   |
| I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings / Conclusions numbered:   |
| (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings / Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)                        |
| RECOMMENDATIONS   |
| • Recommendations numbered <u>R-03</u> have been implemented. (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)                     |
| • Recommendations numbered <u>R-04</u> have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  (Attach a time frame for the implementation.) |
| Recommendations numberedrequire further analysis.   |
| • Recommendations numbered will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  |
| Date: <u>06/18/2020</u> Signed:   |
| Number of pages attached: 3   |

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**Human Trafficking in Ventura County** 

Report Date:

April 8, 2020

Response By:

Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force

## **FORMAT OF RESPONSE:**

The Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force's detailed response to the Grand Jury Report is set forth in the following pages. The response is ordered in the same manner as the report itself –Conclusions, and Recommendations.

#### **RESPONSE TO CONCLUSIONS**

C-06 "The Grand Jury concluded that the Task Force can expand its resources for accomplishing its stated goals by partnering on projects with the CCE. (FA-25)

Response: The Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force agrees with this conclusion.

**C-07** "The Grand Jury concluded that farm laborers who only speak Mixteco find it difficult to communicate with police and service providers. (FA-26, FA-27)

**Response:** The Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force agrees with this conclusion.

## **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:**

R-03 "The Grand Jury recommends the Task Force contact CCE to determine if there is a partnership arrangement that will benefit the efforts of the Task Force. (C-06)

Response: Members of the Human Trafficking Task Force have met with representatives from the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) to discuss ways to collaborate efforts. The Human Trafficking Task Force will work with the Cal State

University of Channel Island students to spread the awareness of human trafficking in our community.

**R-04** "The Grand Jury recommends, as part of the Task Force's community outreach efforts, it include culturally appropriate outreach methods, including radio broadcasts, attendance at community meetings, cultural festivals and health fairs, as well as audio/visual media and illustrated pamphlets to reach the indigenous population in the County. (C-07)

Response: The Human Trafficking Task Force is committed to ending human trafficking and reaching the victims throughout the county. With our existing partnerships with Interface, Mixteco/ Indigena Community Organizing Project, and other community-based organizations, the task force plans various methods of outreach throughout our communities, including the indigenous population, over the next 12 months.

#### SUMMARY:

Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force wishes to thank the Grand Jury for its time.

Date: June 18, 2020

Romano Bassi, Commander