

**EXHIBIT 1**

**FY 2020-2021 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT**

**RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Report Number Respondents (&amp; Date) #)</b>	<b>Report Title</b>	<b>(With FI, C and R</b>
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**REPORT NO. 01 April 30, 2021**

**Title: Policing by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office**

**Required  
Respondent: Board of Supervisors**  
(F-13, F-14, F-15, R-03)

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

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Response By: Mike Pettit\_\_\_\_\_ Title: Assistant County Executive Officer\_\_\_\_\_

### FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings/conclusions numbered: F-13, F-14
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings/conclusions numbered: F-15

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered N/A 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.  
*(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 R-03 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: 7/23/2021\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Mike Pettit

Number of Pages Attached: 2

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As set forth below, in accordance with Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933.05, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors disagrees with Finding F-15 and Recommendation R-03 will not be implemented because it is not warranted.

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors (Board), at its November 10, 2020 meeting considered and adopted Resolution 20-126, a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis and pledging to promote equity, inclusion and diversity in housing, employment, economic development, health care and public safety in the County of Ventura. In the Board letter for that item and in the resolution, the Board considered establishing a community advisory committee to engage with the County's law and justice agencies including the Sheriff, DA and Probation Departments. Specifically, in the resolution, the Board made clear that it pledges to collaborate with the County's law and justice agencies and the community to establish an advisory group to help foster meaningful discussions and to identify public concerns related to policing policies and procedures regarding matters such as misconduct, training and hiring.

Resolution 20-126 was passed unanimously by the Board and since that time the Ventura County Public Safety and Racial Equity Advisory Group (PSREAG) has been formed with the support of the County Executive Office, including the County Diversity Officer, Phin Xaypangna, who has facilitated planning meetings of the advisory group. Early foundational work on the advisory group began with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Ventura County Chapter (NAACP), Black Lawyers of Ventura County and the membership that is now known as Santa Paula Latino Townhall. The PSREAG members currently consist of the Sheriff, city of Oxnard's Chief of Police, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Agency, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Ventura County Chapter (NAACP), Santa Paula Latino Townhall, Black Lawyers of Ventura County, Mexican American Bar Association, Ventura County Asian American Bar Association, Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), Diversity Collective of Ventura County, Pacific Clinics, We Belong 805, and Conejo Valley Interfaith Association.

Working together, PSREAG has already defined its purpose as: "To provide a forum where public safety and community stakeholders collaborate to improve communications and understanding amongst the parties and the greater public and identify potential solutions to improving law enforcement policies and procedures and community engagement. The PSREAG will provide valuable input on issues surrounding public safety, equity, and justice-oriented best practices to enhance policies, procedures, and

community interactions, while increasing transparency and fostering a mutual understanding.”

AB1185 was approved by the Governor on September 30, 2020. AB 1185 does not impose mandatory obligations on the County and its implementation is left to the discretion of the Board or a vote of County residents. Prior to AB1185 being enacted by the state, work was already underway in our County with community partners to address community concerns, collaborate on ideas for improving law enforcement policies and community engagement. The PSREAG purpose and goals to work together in a two-way communication link between public safety and community organizations that share an interest in advancing an equitable justice system and create a community forum by which information, education and ideas are encouraged and exchanged will help increase public understanding of public safety policies and procedures, as well as identify areas of concern and offer potential solutions for enhancements. This open and transparent work will enhance accountability and trust with the community with respect to policing by the Sheriff and across public safety in our county.

Given the work that had already occurred with the community to form the PSREAG and the existing relationships between the County, Public Safety and community groups our recommendation is to continue on this course.