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July 26, 2022

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 2022**

**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](mailto:Fraud.Hotline@ventura.org), and regular mail through the Auditor-Controller's Office.

**DISCUSSION:**

From January through June 2022, the Hotline received 42 new complaints, of which 24 (57%) have been closed and 18 (43%) remain under review as shown in Exhibit 1.

During this period, we also closed 13 of the 22 issues from prior periods that were still under review.

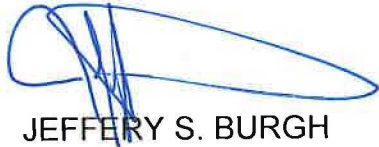
Of the 37 total issues that were closed during the reporting period, 7 issues were substantiated.

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 County Executive Office and County Counsel.  
If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-3151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JEFFERY S. BURGH", is written over a horizontal line.

JEFFERY S. BURGH  
Auditor-Controller

Exhibit 1 - Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity, January through  
June 2022