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January 24, 2023

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 July through December 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, and regular mail through the Auditor-Controller's Office.

DISCUSSION:

From July through December 2022, the Hotline received 50 new complaints, of which 41 (82%) have been closed and 9 (18%) remain under review as shown in Exhibit 1.

During this period, we also closed 15 of the 27 issues from prior periods that were still under review.

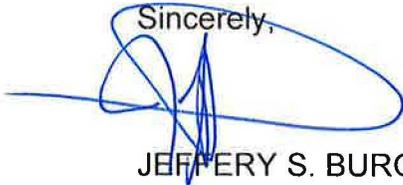
Of the 56 total issues that were closed during the reporting period, 1 issue was substantiated.

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, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

JEFFERY S. BURGH
Auditor-Controller

Exhibit 1 - Semiannual Report of Employee Fraud Hotline Activity, July through
December 2022