

RESOLUTION NO. 22-160 N.C.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING
AND AUTHORIZING RESPONSE TO THE 2021-2022 GRAND JURY REPORT
ENTITLED EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS CITY AND COUNTY
SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 933, a public agency that receives a Grand Jury Report addressing aspects of the public agency’s operations must comment on the report’s findings and recommendations contained in the report in writing within 90 days to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the Foreperson of the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vallejo has received and reviewed the 2021-2022 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report released on June 29, 2022, entitled “Effective Emergency Response Needs City and County Support,” and prepared a response to the Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Vallejo approves and authorizes the response to the 2021-2022 Solano County Grand Jury Report entitled “Effective Emergency Response Needs City and County Support,” a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein.


Section 2. The City Council of the City of Vallejo directs the City Clerk to forward the City Council’s Grand Jury Report response to the Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court and to the Foreperson of the Solano County Grand Jury.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO at a special meeting held on September 20, 2022 with the following vote:

AYES: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Brown, Dew, Loera-Diaz and Miessner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Arriola
ABSTAIN: None

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK

September 20, 2022

Honorable Wendy G. Getty
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano County Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533
Sent Via Email: cdclower@solano.courts.ca.gov

*Re: City of Vallejo Response to 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report Entitled:
Effective Emergency Responses Needs City and County Support*

Honorable Judge Getty:

This letter contains the City of Vallejo's response to the Solano County Grand Jury Report of June 24, 2022, regarding emergency response to fires in Solano County.

Finding 2: The lack of a consolidated digital communication system in Solano County hampers effective firefighting efforts.

City Manager's Response to Finding 2: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Finding 2: Agree.

Police Chief's Response to Finding 2: Agree.

Recommendation 2: The Board of Supervisors broaden efforts to fund and promote the establishment of a modern digital county-wide emergency communications system.

City Manager's Response to Recommendation 2: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Recommendation 2: Agree.

Police Chief's Response to Recommendation 2: Agree.

Finding 3: Although law enforcement and fire departments throughout the county have been working to establish a JPA to develop consolidated communications system, there is little support from the county to finalize the efforts.

City Manager's Response to Finding 3: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Finding 3: Agree.

Recommendation 3: Expedite JPA agreement within the county and develop a plan to move forward.

City Manager's Response to Recommendation 3: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Recommendation 3: Agree.

Finding 4: A county fire department is needed to serve the unincorporated areas of Solano County.

City Manager's Response to Finding 4: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Finding 4: Agree.

Recommendation 4: Solano County establish a county-wide fire department to serve the unincorporated areas of Solano County.

City Manager's Response to Recommendation 4: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Recommendation 4: Agree.

Finding 5: Funding from Proposition 172 has not been equitably distributed within the public safety entities.

City Manager's Response to Finding 5: Agree.

Recommendation 5: Board of Supervisors and cities within the county reprioritize the distribution of funds garnered from Proposition 172 ensuring that it is distributed more equitably to include fire safety.

City Manager's Response to Recommendation 5: Agree

Finding 6: Only two agencies involved in the LNU fire produced after-action reports.

City Manager's Response to Finding 6: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Finding 6: Agree.

Recommendation 6: Solano County and cities within the county require all responding emergency agencies using public funding to produce after-action reports.

City Manager's Response to Recommendation 6: Agree.

Fire Chief's Response to Recommendation 6: Agree.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Michael Malone
City Manager