



SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

2022-2023

**VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY:
THE HEALTH HAZARD CONTINUES**

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3 Solano County Civil Grand Jury 2022-2023
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6 **I. SUMMARY**
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8 This report is a follow-up to the 2021-2022 Solano County Civil Grand Jury (Jury) report about
9 the Vallejo Police Department and the facility conditions. The Police Department is located at
10 111 Amador Street in Vallejo and continues to occupy a building facility that is deteriorated and
11 possibly hazardous to staff and the general public.

12 After a review of the former Jury investigations, independent inspections, and facility tours, the
13 conditions remain the same. DIRE. Recommendations were made over the past three years
14 about the poor conditions of the building. A resolution has yet to be realized by The City of
15 Vallejo.

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17 **II. INTRODUCTION**
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19 The current 2022-2023 Jury recently visited and toured the Vallejo Police Department. The
20 condition of the facility does not appear to be safe or presentable to the Jury members nor did it
21 appear as a healthy work environment. The building conditions remain poor and inadequate as a
22 representation for law enforcement and administration within the City of Vallejo.

23 The City of Vallejo is the largest city within Solano County with a population of approximately
24 124,000 inhabitants. Of the other cities in Solano County we visited with Police Departments,
25 Vallejo's Amador facility is the worst.

26 Environmental health consultants were retained by the City of Vallejo as far back as 2014 to
27 conduct tests for contaminants. Listed contaminants included lead and asbestos which are
28 defined as a health threat to the inhabitants.

29 At the time of this report, this Jury found that the known hazards, i.e., asbestos contamination,
30 mold, lead, and decreasing habitable work spaces have not been resolved. During our
31 investigation, this Jury could not determine who has the authority to resolve the issues.

32 The critical nature of this situation seems to be ignored by Vallejo City Officials responsible for
33 inspections, repairs, and maintenance because only limited action has been taken.

34 The City of Vallejo also hired an independent review group in 2019 to analyze the Vallejo Police
35 Department facility overall, and once again were told that the building was deteriorated and
36 poses health risks.

37 The last three years, the only inspections were conducted by the Vallejo Fire Inspection Division
38 which targeted fire safety only. As of December 2022, the Vallejo Police Department building
39 was given fire inspection clearance.

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41 **III. METHODOLOGY**

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43 **Interviews**

- 44 • Vallejo Police Department Staff
- 45 • Vallejo City Manager Department
- 46 • Vallejo Fire Department
- 47 • Vallejo Fire Prevention Department

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49 **Review**

- 50 • 2021-2022 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report “Delays in Relocation of Vallejo
- 51 Police Department are Costly”
- 52 • Inspection Reports (3rd Party)
- 53 • US Census Bureau www.census.gov/quickfacts/vallejocitycalifornia
- 54 • Bureau Veritas Project Facility Condition and Assessment; November 2020
- 55 • Resolution No. 22-159 N.C. – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo
- 56 approved in response to the 2021-2022 Civil Grand Jury Report

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58 **Toured**

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- 60 • Vallejo Police Department at 111 Amador, Vallejo, CA

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62 **IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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- 64 • The last 3 years of inspections by Vallejo’s Fire Prevention Division (VFPD) focused on
- 65 fire prevention potential issues only.
- 66 • The VFPD states that there were no complaints received referring to the health standards
- 67 throughout the Vallejo Police Department building. Health and safety issues are NOT
- 68 reviewed if not directly outlined in inspection protocol or a complaint has been filed.
- 69 • Several violations during a December 3, 2020 inspection were noted by the VFPD.
- 70 Follow-up inspections resulted in “fire clearance” being given on April 7, 2021.
- 71 • The last VFPD Inspection was conducted on December 1, 2022. Fire clearance was
- 72 granted.
- 73 • The Jury visited the Vallejo Police Department on January 24, 2023 and observed peeling
- 74 paint on the interior walls as well as poor ventilation that required windows to be opened
- 75 throughout the areas observed. There were taped off sections of the building previously
- 76 deemed hazardous, and filters taped to the outside of the heat, ventilation, and air
- 77 conditioning (HVAC) vents in the building.
- 78 • Re-location has been discussed by city officials

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80 **V. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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82 **FINDING 1** – The Vallejo Police Department facility continues to deteriorate, is deemed to be

83 unsafe, and requires major repair.

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85 **RECOMMENDATION 1** – The Jury recommends that the lack of repair of the Vallejo Police
86 Department facility be referred to the appropriate regulatory agency.

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88 **FINDING 2** – Moving the Vallejo Police Department out of its current location is warranted given
89 the health and safety concerns.

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91 **RECOMMENDATION 2** – Re-location is highly recommended.

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93 **COMMENTS**

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95 The Solano County Grand Jury will report the issue regarding the existing condition of the
96 Vallejo Police Department facility to OSHA.

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98 **REQUIRED RESPONSES**

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100 Vallejo City Council
101 Vallejo City Management
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104 **COURTESY COPIES**

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106 Solano County Board of Supervisors
107 Vallejo Fire Chief

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