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September 11, 2024

Honorable Alesia Jones
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: **2023-2024 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Hazardous Work Environment for Vallejo's 911 Operators**

Dear Judge Jones:

This letter contains the City of Vallejo's response to the Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report of June 21, 2024, regarding the hazardous work environment for the Vallejo's 911 Operators at the facility located at 111 Amador Street in Vallejo.

Finding 1: The Vallejo Police Department 911 Operators continue to work in a hazardous and toxic work environment. This situation has not been resolved for years. A resolution has not been approved or funded, leaving any long-term solution undetermined.

Response: Partially Disagree. As in initial matter, the City refutes the finding by the Grand Jury that Vallejo's Police Department (VPD) 911 Operators continue to work in a hazardous and toxic work environment. The City tests the VPD Building on a quarterly basis for hazardous and/or toxic contamination and performs all recommended remediation, if any.

Additionally, in December 2022, the City Council authorized \$1.5M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Dispatch Center Project to address these same concerns raised by previous years' Solano County Civil Grand Juries. Following those reports, the Vallejo City Council (VCC) directed staff to look at several alternate locations for the relocation of dispatch functions and has authorized moving the 911 Operations into a brand-new ADA-accessible modular unit temporarily. Staff completed site drawings for the project, solicited bids for the modular unit, and has entered into a contract with Whitley Manufacturing for manufacture. Delivery and installation of the new Dispatch Center is scheduled for November 2024. 911 Operators are scheduled to move into the modular units in the first quarter of 2025.

Recommendation 1: Temporarily move the 911 Operators to 400 Mare Island Way no later than the first quarter of 2025. When a long-term solution is completed, the 911 Operators can be moved to a permanent location.

Response: The relocation recommendation will be implemented within the recommended timeframe. Vallejo's 911 Operators are scheduled to be relocated into a custom dispatch center modular unit at 111 Amador Street in the first quarter of 2025.

Comments:

The move to 400 Mare Island Way is the most cost effective and quickest transition for the 911 operators while a long-term resolution is finalized.

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Response: The move to a brand-new ADA-accessible modular unit will be a safe, cost effective, and quick transition for the 911 operators while a longer-term resolution is finalized.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Andrew Murray
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 24-135 N.C.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE 2023-24 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "HAZARDOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR VALLEJO'S 911 OPERATORS" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND THE FOREPERSON OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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 2023-2024 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report dated June 21, 2024, entitled "Hazardous Work Environment for Vallejo's 911 Operators" and the City Manager 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 2023-2024 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Hazardous Work Environment for Vallejo's 911 Operators," a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO at a regular meeting held on September 10, 2024, with the following vote:

AYES: Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz, Councilmembers Arriola, Matulac Palmares, and Verder-Aliga
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor McConnell and Councilmember Bregenzer
ABSTAIN: None

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ATTEST:

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