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The Honorable William J. Pendergast III, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Re: Sheriff-Coroner's Response to 2025-2026 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Report –
Vallejo 911: Faster Responses, Uncertain Future**

Dear Honorable William J. Pendergast III, Presiding Judge:

Under Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, I am responding to the following recommendations contained in the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under my control as the Solano County Sheriff-Coroner:

FINDING 1 – The City of Vallejo's failure to develop a plan after the Sheriff contract's expiration of December 31, 2026, can jeopardize the citizens of Vallejo by extending response times. Even with the 7 potential new officers in various phases of training, it can take up to two years for those officers to be ready to fully do the job, with only 3 of those currently in field training.

Response to Finding 1 – The Sheriff's Office disagrees partially with this finding. Planning for law enforcement services following expiration of the current agreement is the responsibility of the City. Additionally, due to the sunset of SB 1379, the Sheriff's Office will not have adequate staffing to continue providing these services beyond December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION 1 – The City of Vallejo develop a contingency plan no later than October 1, 2026, prior to the expiration of the Sheriff's Department contract and make it available to the public. After the contract expires, there should be no lesser level of service that the citizens of Vallejo currently receive. The City of Vallejo consider extending the contract with the Sheriff's department for an additional year.

Response to Recommendation 1 - This recommendation will not be implemented. Due to the sunset of SB 1379 and resulting staffing limitations, the Sheriff's Office will not be able to extend the agreement beyond December 31, 2026.

FINDING 2 – Non-competitive compensation and severe understaffing negatively impact recruitment and retention of police officers in Vallejo.

RECOMMENDATION 2 – The City of Vallejo consider a competitive compensation plan to recruit and retain adequate police staff as part of the next contract negotiations.

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Response to Finding 2 and Recommendation 2– The Sheriff's Office takes no position on this finding or recommendation. VPD compensation, recruitment, retention, and labor negotiations are matters within the authority of the City of Vallejo.

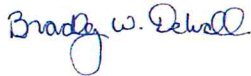
FINDING 3 – The current VPD daily public log of incidents on their website lacks response times and priority levels, which decreases transparency, leading to lack of community confidence.

RECOMMENDATION 3 – The City of Vallejo direct the VPD to add priority levels and response times to their daily incident logs no later than October 1, 2026.

Response to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3 - The Sheriff's Office takes no position on this finding or recommendation. The content and publication of VPD incident logs are matters within the authority of the City of Vallejo and VPD.

I would like to thank the Solano County Grand Jury for their time invested in this matter and for their report of findings and recommendations. As always, the recommendations and comments of the Solano County Grand Jury are appreciated.

Respectfully,



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Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Solano County Grand Jury
County Administrator's Office