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CITY OF SUISUN CITY

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 Suisun City, California 94585

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JUDGE PAUL L. BEEMAN
 DEPARTMENT 1

Honorable Paul L. Beeman
 Presiding Judge
 Solano County Superior Court
 Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: 2012-2013 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Animal Care Services

Dear Judge Beeman:

We eventually received the FY 2012-13 Grand Jury's report on the animal care services provided by the City of Suisun City and the County of Solano. For some reason we have been unable to get Grand Jury staff to forward any reports involving the City of Suisun City to the City Clerk. We appreciate the exhaustive time that went into this report, as well as the service that the volunteers who serve on the Grand Jury provide to our community.

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, agencies such as Suisun City have 60 days to prepare and submit a formal response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. This reflects our full, formal response to the only issue that we believe relates to the City of Suisun City.

Grand Jury Finding 3 – Animal control functions in Solano County are fragmented and confusing to the public.

Recommendation 3 – The Solano County Sheriff's Office provide (sic) all animal control services for all the cities and unincorporated areas of Solano County using funds generated from dog licensing and funds currently being paid by the cities to private companies for existing animal control contracts.

City Response to Finding 3

The City of Suisun City respectfully disagrees with Finding 3. For the past several years, the County and each of the Cities have worked together to enhance animal control services countywide. The County has taken the positive step of placing the program under the Sheriff's Office. The County and the Cities have entered into an agreement for the funding of the upgrading of the County Animal Shelter. We believe that these coordinated steps will continue to result in the enhancement of animal control services countywide.

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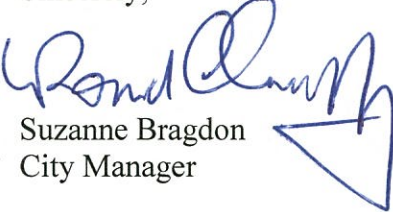
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In addition, the City of Suisun City is currently a member agency of the Solano Animal Care Authority (SACA) which includes the Cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Dixon, and Rio Vista. SACA was formed in 1986 as a joint powers authority to provide shared animal care services through the Humane Animal Services (HAS), a division of the SPCA in Vacaville.

Each one of the Cities mentioned above shares in the costs of HAS based on its proportionate share of the animals that HAS processes, with Suisun City's annual average cost being about \$80,000. Suisun City is pleased with the level of service that HAS provides to the City and our community members.

In closing, we appreciate the time taken by the Grand Jury to review various aspects of the City's animal care services. We likewise appreciate the opportunity to review, respond and, in some cases, clarify the conclusions and observations made by this body. It is not an easy undertaking to delve into such a diverse array of activities.

Sincerely,

FOR

Suzanne Bragdon
City Manager


Ed Dadisho
Police Chief

cc: City Council
City Attorney