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July 23, 2013

Paul Beeman
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano County Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: 2012-2013 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Animal Care Services
Report Date: May 28, 2013

Dear Judge Beeman,

This letter contains the City of Vallejo's response to the Solano County Grand Jury Report of May 28, 2013, regarding Animal Care Services

City of Vallejo management staff have reviewed the Grand Jury's recommendations and provided the following:

Finding #3: Animal control functions in Solano County are fragmented and confusing to the public.

Response: Agree.

Recommendation #3: The Solano County Sheriff's Office provide all animal control services for all 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.

Response: The Recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Vallejo currently contracts for animal control services with a local non-profit organization, the Humane Society of the North Bay (HSNB). The City of Vallejo paid \$333,200 in Fiscal Year 2012-13 for the contracted

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animal control services. The City is currently evaluating its contract for services with HSNB, and may evaluate alternative service models, including the proposal recommended by the Grand Jury. At this time, we are unable to determine if the Grand Jury's proposal would be more cost effective or provide better quality services than the City's current contract with HSNB. The City anticipates completing its analysis of animal control services by the end of 2013.

Respectfully,



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Mayor

cc: Claudia Quintana, City Attorney
Members of the Vallejo City Council
Daniel E. Keen, City Manager