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City Manager

October 21, 2011

Barbara Morris, Foreperson
2010-2011 Solano County Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, Ca. 94533

Re: City of Benicia Response to Finding 1 and Recommendation 1 of the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report Titled "Public Safety Volunteer Programs Fire Emergency Services."

Dear Foreperson Morris:

In response to your request dated June 30, 2011 regarding the Grand Jury Report, the City has prepared the following responses. These responses were approved by the City Council at their meeting of October 18, 2011.

Finding 1:

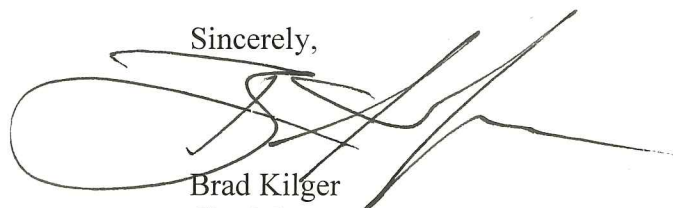
The City of Benicia does not have enough working knowledge of the operations for the other fire departments in Solano County, and therefore we feel it would be inappropriate to comment on your recommendation. Our Reserve Firefighters, Phoenix Firefighters, and Logistical Support Staff are all volunteer programs within the fire department that have proven to be financially and operationally efficient.

In addition please make the following revisions to the document:

Summary of Department Resources (page 2): Please delete the Deputy Chief position. Please delete the 2-Battalion Chiefs positions and replace them with 2-Division Chiefs. Please change the number of Career Firefighters from 20 to 27. Please add 1-Fire Marshal. Please delete 1-Fire Code Enforcer position and replace with 1-Community Preservation Officer. Please delete ½ Management Analyst position.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Brad Kilger
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