

## CITY OF VALLEJO CODE ENFORCEMENT 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report

The Code Enforcement Department of Vallejo was the subject of complaints from Vallejo citizens. The complaints stated that the Department was not pro-active in many issues including abandoned cars, graffiti, abandoned homes, trash dumping, etc. The Department is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Vallejo city ordinances.

Due to the reduction of employees, the Department's effectiveness was diminished by the loss of 50% of the staff. The remaining employees revived the Department by taking the initiative to continue to do their assigned duties. They made improvements in some important areas, i.e. ability to track the complaints, training and use of volunteers and obtained a State grant to hire a part-time inspector.

The 2009-2010 Grand Jury interviewed members of the Vallejo City Council and City staff. During these interviews improvements were discussed. One new improvement by Code Enforcement was to design specific districts to be monitored by staff and volunteers. With the support of the City Council and City Manager, the enforcement of current ordinances and the adoption of new ordinances involving Code Enforcement will enhance the appearance of the city. The benefits of the adoption of new and improved ordinances will attract new commerce to Vallejo. The 2009-2010 Grand Jury commends the City Manager, City Council, Code Enforcement Department and the many volunteers who have come forward to improve the city's appearance and image. The Grand Jury is encouraged by these improvements and is confident that improvements will continue. The continued success of code enforcement will rely on the Vallejo citizens' involvement in the efforts to clean up their city.

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Vallejo Mayor and City Council Members  
Vallejo City Manager  
Vallejo City Code Enforcement

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