



September 13, 2021

Honorable Judge Donna Stashyn  
Solano County Civil Grand Jury  
Hall of Justice  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Sent via email**

Re: City of Benicia's Response to 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report, "Illegal Dumping: Is There A Solution?"

Dear Honorable Judge Stashyn:

The following is the City of Benicia's response to the Grand Jury Report regarding illegal dumping in Solano County:

Finding 1: Some residents of the county are not aware of the full range of services provided by their local waste disposal service provider.

Response to Finding 1: The City of Benicia agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 1: Recommend cities have a prominent link on their website that lists services provided by their local waste provider along with contact information.

Response to Recommendation 1: The City of Benicia has a robust public outreach/education program and a website page that provides direct links and current garbage pick-up information for free services available to our residents as well as local businesses. Republic Services is the exclusive local franchise collector for residential recyclables, yard waste, garbage and commercial refuse in the City of Benicia.

Finding 2: The cities within Solano County each have varying strategies that are not currently being shared. Sharing best practices among jurisdictions is itself a best practice.

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Response to Finding 2: The City of Benicia agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 2A: Promote coordination between the cities in Solano County to share their issues and solutions for the illegal dumping issue within the County.

Response to Recommendation 2A: The City of Benicia has been proactive by working with other agencies and the County on several Public Works projects and embraces the opportunity to hold a workshop meeting so all the agencies within Solano County can be afforded the opportunity for sharing their issues and offering solutions that might be useful for handling illegal dumping more effectively.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's Office at 707-746-4200.

Sincerely,



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