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Sent via email to: cdclower@solano.courts.ca.gov

Cheryl Clower, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report Entitled: **Illegal Dumping: Is There A Solution?**

Dear Cheryl Clower:

This letter shall serve as response to the Grand Jury regarding the Findings and Recommendations contained in the draft 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report Entitled: "Illegal Dumping: Is There A Solution?" and pursuant to Penal Code §933.05.

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

RECOMMENDATION 1 - Recommend cities have a prominent link on their website that lists services provided by their local waste disposal service provider along with contact information.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 1

The City of Vacaville Public Works Department website (<https://www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/departments/public-works>) has a dedicated page for solid waste and recycling with a list of services provided by the City's waste collection and disposal service provider, type and extent of service, service locations and contact information, and other pertinent information. The page also provides a separate link (<http://vacavillerecycling.com/>) for those interested in obtaining more information on solid waste collection and recycling activities.

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.

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 Vacaville Public Works Department has started coordination efforts with a couple of our neighboring Cities and the County which we plan to continue and expand with more focused discussion on common issues such as illegal dumping. We will be sharing information and exchanging ideas on finding more sustainable solutions for the illegal dumping issue within the County.

RECOMMENDATION 2B - Establish regular, ongoing communication amongst Public Works and Public Safety departments to share illegal dumping cleanup solutions.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 2A

The City of Vacaville Public Works Department holds coordination meetings on a wide range of issues with the City's Police and Fire Departments. However, moving forward, we plan on placing illegal dumping cleanup solutions as a regular agenda item for these coordination meetings.

Sincerely,

Girum Awoke
Director of Public Works

cc: Aaron Busch, City Manager
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