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Honorable Wendy Getty
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Ave
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REGARDING: County Board of Supervisors response to FY2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Report, "Solano County Emergency Dispatch"

Dear Honorable Judge Getty,

The Solano County Board of Supervisors, under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, is responding to the following findings and recommendations contained in the FY2022/23 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled: "*Solano County Emergency Dispatch*."

Civil Grand Jury Finding 1

Emergency service communication is fractured throughout Solano County and puts the Solano County residents at risk.

Response to Finding 1

Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this finding. Public Safety agencies throughout the County operate and maintain multiple emergency service communication networks to ensure the ability to respond to emergencies and to coordinate with city, district, and mutual aid public safety agencies. At this time not all agencies maintain radio communications on the same system; however, the County has developed a process that allows for communications between the agencies. The Board agrees that a fully interoperable system is needed, and is a priority, throughout the County. However, implementation of a fully interoperable emergency service communication system is not solely within the capability of the Board of Supervisors to complete, as several cities own and operate public safety radio communications equipment within their jurisdictions. The County remains committed to moving forward with a fully interoperable system.

Civil Grand Jury Recommendation 1

The County should install a uniform and consistent communications system that connects all emergency services.

Response to Recommendation 1

Board of Supervisors: This recommendation has not been implemented but portions of this recommendation will be implemented in the future. The County has been, and will continue to, work toward a consolidated dispatch and countywide radio interoperability. However, this

recommendation is not solely within the capability of the Board of Supervisors to complete, as several cities own and operate public safety radio communications equipment within their jurisdiction(s). The County recently received an earmark to help further this goal and remains committed to moving forward until this recommendation becomes a reality. This recommendation will take more than one year to implement as a fully interoperable system will take significant investments of time, money, and coordination between all jurisdictions within the county.

Civil Grand Jury Finding 3

There is a general acceptance among emergency service providers in the County to the idea of a consolidated dispatch center.

Response to Finding 3

Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this finding. Current discussions among emergency service providers throughout the County show general support for consolidation of fire and EMS dispatch services. However, there is not currently support among all emergency service providers for a fully consolidated dispatch center that would include 9-1-1 and law enforcement into a consolidated fire and EMS dispatch center.

Civil Grand Jury Recommendation 3

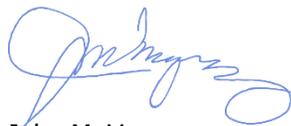
Solano County Board of Supervisors should approve and begin the implementation of a consolidated dispatch center.

Response to Recommendation 3

Board of Supervisors: This recommendation is in the process of being implemented. The Board has approved and began the implementation of a consolidated dispatch center. Steps taken in support of a consolidated dispatch center for fire and EMS services include previously approved funding to expand the capacity of the existing center located in the Sheriff’s Office, as well as, on June 27, 2023, the County appropriated \$320,000 for the validation and development of an implementation plan based on the findings from a Feasibility Study conducted in 2010. However, full implementation of this recommendation is not entirely within the capability of the Board to complete. Consolidation of fire and EMS dispatch services will require support from all the cities, districts, and the County. Additional support from the cities will be needed to include 9-1-1 and law enforcement into a fully consolidated dispatch center. This recommendation continues to be a priority for the Board, and the County is committed to working with the cities toward consolidation of fire and EMS dispatch services. This is a significant undertaking that requires the necessary time to ensure the process maintains the safety of the citizens and emergency responders countywide.

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, we would like to thank the Solano County Civil Grand Jury for their time and attention to County processes and operations. Thank you for the opportunity to address your findings and recommendations – and for your work and contributions to the overall success of Solano County in services to our residents.

Sincerely,



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District 4 Supervisor and Chair of the Board

cc: Solano County Civil Grand Jury Office (CDClower@Solano.Courts.Ca.Gov)