



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: August 4, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jim Throop, City Manager
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SUBJECT: Approval of Response to the 2019-20 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report – “Homelessness in Santa Barbara County”

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council review the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) report entitled “Homelessness in Santa Barbara County” (Attachment 1) and approve the proposed response letter presented on behalf of the City, pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933(c) and 933.05(a), (b) and (c) (Attachment 2).

Background:

Each year, the Grand Jury surveys various operations involving governmental services provided for the benefit of the residents of the County of Santa Barbara (County). The 2019-20 Grand Jury selected “Homelessness in Santa Barbara County” as an area of focus. The 2019-20 Grand Jury provided a report with recommendations for municipal agencies in the County, the County itself, and the eight incorporated cities in the County.

The 2019-20 Grand Jury published the report “Homelessness in Santa Barbara County” on June 20, 2020. All jurisdictions noticed in the Grand Jury Report must file a response to the findings and recommendations pursuant to the above referenced California Penal Code sections within 90 days or no later than September 20, 2020. The Grand Jury report included a total of eleven findings and eleven recommendations. The City is required to respond to the enumerated findings and recommendations specific to the City of Lompoc, listed on page 19 of the Grand Jury report.

Discussion:

The attached response to the Grand Jury identifies specific responses for each finding and each recommendation. Responses to the findings and recommendations meet the requirements of California Penal Code section 933.05.

Fiscal Impact:

The response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations does not have a fiscal impact to the City.

Conclusion:

After reviewing the 2019-20 Grand Jury report and the attached proposed response letter presented, staff recommends the City Council approve the attached response letter and authorize the delivery of the response to the Grand Jury no later than September 20, 2020, in accordance with the Grand Jury instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachments: 1) 2019-20 Grand Jury Report “Homelessness in Santa Barbara County”
2) City of Lompoc Response to the Grand Jury Report