



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** October 6, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Response to the 2019-20 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Reports – “Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County” and “Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County”

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council review the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) reports entitled “Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County” and “Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County” (Attachments 1 and 2) and approve the proposed response letters presented on behalf of the City, pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933(c) and 933.05(a), (b) and (c) (Attachments 3 and 4).

### **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 “Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County” and “Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County” as areas 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 reports “Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County” on April 27, 2020, and “Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County” on June 29, 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. The Grand Jury report on Detention Facilities contained one finding and one recommendation concerning the Lompoc City Jail. The Grand Jury report on Juveniles in Gangs contained three findings and four recommendations related to Lompoc. The City is required to respond to the enumerated findings and recommendations specific to the City of Lompoc, listed on pages 19 of each Grand Jury report.

**Discussion:**

The attached responses to the Grand Jury identify 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 reports and the attached proposed response letters presented, staff recommends the City Council approve the attached response letters and authorize the delivery of the responses to the Grand Jury in accordance with the Grand Jury instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Jim Throop, City Manager

- Attachments:
- 1) 2019-20 Grand Jury Report "Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County"
  - 2) 2019-20 Grand Jury Report "Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County"
  - 3) City of Lompoc Response to the Grand Jury Report "Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County"
  - 4) City of Lompoc Response to the Grand Jury Report "Juveniles in Gangs in Santa Barbara County"