



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 15, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: Approval of Response to the 2021 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report – Lompoc Police Department, “Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community”

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council review the 2021 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) report entitled Lompoc Police Department, “Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community” (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 2021 Grand Jury selected the Lompoc Police Department as an area of focus. The 2021 Grand Jury provided a report with recommendations for the City of Lompoc and the Police Department.

The City received the 2021 Grand Jury report **Lompoc Police Department “Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community** on December 16, 2021. 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 of its receipt, or no later than March 26, 2022. The Grand Jury report on the Lompoc Police Department contained two findings and two recommendations for the City and the Police Department. The City is required to respond to the stated findings and recommendations, listed on pages 7-8 of the 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 2021 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 responses to the Grand Jury in accordance with the Grand Jury instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachments: 1) 2021 Grand Jury Report, Lompoc Police Department "Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community"
2) City of Lompoc Response to the 2021 Grand Jury Report, Lompoc Police Department, "Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community"