



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 15, 2022

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Approval of Response to the 2021 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report – “Pensions in Santa Barbara County Require Vigilance”

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council review the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) report entitled “Pensions in Santa Barbara County Require Vigilance” (Attachment 1) and approve the proposed response letter presented on behalf of the City, pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05 (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 conducted a follow-up investigation to the 2017-18 Grand Jury “Pensions in Santa Barbara County” report to determine how the eight incorporated cities and the County itself have progressed. The 2021 Grand Jury provided a report with findings and recommendations for the County and the eight incorporated cities in the County.

The City received the 2021 Grand Jury report, “Pensions in Santa Barbara County Require Vigilance”, on November 30, 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 February 28, 2022. The Grand Jury report contained three findings and two recommendations related to Lompoc. The City is required to respond to the stated findings and recommendations, listed on pages 8-10 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 sections 933 and 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 response to the Grand Jury no later than February 28, 2022, in accordance with the Grand Jury instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Donnelly, Acting Management Services Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachments: 1) 2021 Grand Jury Report “Pensions in Santa Barbara County Require Vigilance”
2) City of Lompoc Response to the Grand Jury Report