



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: August 20, 2024

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

FROM: Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director
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SUBJECT: Approval of Response to the 2023-24 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report – “Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County; Becoming Part of the Community Again”

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council review the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) report entitled “Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County: Becoming Part of the Community Again” (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 2023-24 Grand Jury selected “Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County: Becoming Part of the Community Again” as an area of focus. The 2023-24 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 2023-24 Grand Jury published the report “Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County: Becoming Part of the Community Again” on June 21, 2024 (Grand Jury report). 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 19, 2024. The Grand Jury report included a total of seven findings and seven recommendations. The City is required to respond to Findings 2 and 3 and Recommendations 2 and 3¹.

¹ See Page 29 of the Grand Jury Report.

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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 2023-24 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 19, 2024, in accordance with the Grand Jury's instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachments: 1) 2023-24 Grand Jury Report "Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County: Becoming Part of the Community Again"
2) City of Lompoc Response to the Grand Jury Report