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The Honorable Robert S. Boyd, Presiding Judge
Sonoma County Superior Court
600 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Re: 2006-2007 Grand Jury Final Report
Response from City of Healdsburg

Dear Judge Boyd:

The City of Healdsburg ("Healdsburg") respectfully submits the following responses to the 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report. Healdsburg was requested or required to respond to items in the following Report topics: "**Access and Recreation in Open Space District Properties**" (*response requested*); "**Signs of the Times**" (*response required*); and "**Wastewater: Money Down the Drain?**" (*response required*).

Signs of the Times

Recommendation 6. *The legality of all billboards in the county should be examined and any illegal billboards should be removed.*

Healdsburg's response: "The recommendation is being implemented and will be completed as described herein. Both the City's General Plan and its Zoning Ordinance have provisions regulating the location, removal, and/or replacement of existing billboards. At this time, there is only one billboard located in Healdsburg along the U.S. 101 corridor. The billboard is privately owned and was installed prior to the adoption of any City standards regulating such signage. As a legal non-conforming sign, the existing billboard can remain until (1) the property upon which the sign is located is developed; or (2) the expiration of a "reasonable" amortization period. Upon the occurrence of the earlier of these two events, the City will take steps to see that the one remaining billboard is removed.