

INTRODUCTION



RESPONSES



THE SONOMA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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March 13, 2012

The Hon. Rene Chouteau
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
County of Sonoma
600 Administration Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Citizens of Sonoma County

Subject: Responses to the 2010-2011 Sonoma County Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Chouteau and Citizens of Sonoma County,

Every year the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury conducts investigations, writes reports and makes recommendations. Responses are required from related agencies or officials within a certain time frame and are then published for public record by the sitting Grand Jury. The 2011-2012 Sonoma County Grand Jury has received and reviewed all the required responses as noted in the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report. The responses are assembled and are published in this response report. Summaries of the large number of responses to two reports and follow-ups on two others are provided.

In its role as citizens' watchdog, the Grand Jury spends thousands of hours serving the community. We commend the past Grand Jury for their dedication of time, energy and effort. We would also like to recognize the efforts of our public officials. Their responses to the reports are genuine and deserve thorough review.

Concerned citizens, it is now your responsibility to read the reports and determine the adequacy of the responses. The investigations are sometimes controversial and the conclusions are not universally agreed upon. If you are not happy with the outcome, it will be up to you to file further citizen complaints and form grass roots endeavors to ensure that change does indeed take place. It is you that can make change happen.

I know I speak for all Grand Jurors, both past and present, when I say it is an honor to serve you.

Regards,

Steve Larsen

Foreperson