



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Response to the 2021-22 Civil Grand Jury Report

Recommended Action:

Approve the Board of Supervisors response to the 2021-22 Civil Grand Jury Report recommendations, and direct staff to formally transmit Sonoma County's complete set of responses to the 2021-22 Civil Grand Jury Report findings and recommendations.

Executive Summary:

Each year the Civil Grand Jury completes a Final Report on its investigations of potential issues in local government agencies. The 2021-22 Grand Jury Final Report was presented to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on June 20, 2022. The Final Report included various findings and recommendations that require response from the Board of Supervisors within 90 days, or no later than September 18, 2022. Once approved, the full set of responses to the 2021-22 Civil Grand Jury Report will be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Discussion:

Under California Law, Civil Grand Jury's exercise oversight of local government agencies, including counties, cities, and special districts. They do so by investigating issues that are either brought to their attention through citizen complaints or are selected by the Grand Jury members and issuing reports on their findings and recommendations.

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The Grand Jury has requested responses from the County of Sonoma to the following reports:

Report: Affordable Housing: Monitoring and Compliance

Required County Responses:

- Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Report: Affordable Housing: Past, Present and Future

Required County Responses:

- Permit Sonoma

Report: Department of Health Services

Required County Responses:

- County Administrator's Office
- Department of Health Services
- Human Resources Department
- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Report: What Happens When the Grand Jury Make Recommendations?

Required County Responses:

- Permit Sonoma
- Sonoma Water

Department responses were submitted directly to Honorable Judge Averill by August 19, 2022 and courtesy copies have been provided to Supervisorial Districts. These responses, which come from the departments and do not require Board approval, were due within 60 days of the full consolidated report being published. The department responses that were submitted are attached.

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The full reports are available online at:

<http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/info/administration/grand-jury/GJ-2021-2022>.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

The Board responds annually to the Civil Grand Jury Report.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Board of Supervisors Response

County Department Response

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None