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Honorable Judge Rodney Melville
Superior Court
312-M East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93455-5165

Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Attention: Foreman
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

Dear Judge Melville,

The purpose of this letter is to respond the 2006/2007 Santa Barbara Grand Jury Report entitled, *Affordable Housing n Santa Barbara County: Myth or Reality?*

Response to Findings and Recommendations:

1. ADMINISTERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS:

The City of Guadalupe focuses on local housing needs and is responsive to our residents needs. The city uses Affordable Housing funds to purchase property for construction of new homes and rentals and rehabilitate existing housing throughout the community.

2. COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

The City of Guadalupe holds regular public meetings of the Redevelopment Agency on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Affordable Housing is a topic the Agency discusses and aspects of the Affordable Housing fund are explained to the community.

3. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT GOALS:

The City of Guadalupe has implemented housing for very low and low-income households. The city has over 200 affordable housing units in place (Housing Authority, Peoples Self Help Housing, Community Development Block Grants) and approximately

50 proposed units (Guadalupe Redevelopment funds) in the works. The city continues to work with agencies to develop more affordable housing for our community.

4. REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS - SBCAG:

The City of Guadalupe agrees that meetings with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments would be informative with shared successes and problems in Affordable Housing programs.

5. ALLOCATIONS BASED ON PERFORMANCE COMPARED TO REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS:

The City of Guadalupe agrees that allocations should be based on jurisdictional performance compared to local needs assessments. Resources are scarce and jurisdictions should be accountable for developing housing to meet the affordable housing needs of residents.

6. USE OF NON-PROFITS AS CO-DEVELOPERS:

The City of Guadalupe has implemented agreements with non-profit co-developers. Successful affordable housing projects include Rental and Residential housing constructed by Peoples Self Help Housing and Habitat for Humanity.

CONCLUSION:

The City appreciates the Grand Jury's recommendations. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Galloway-Cooper
City Administrator

Enclosures

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