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The Honorable Rodney Melville
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**RE: RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED,
"DETENTION FACILITIES INSPECTIONS"**

Below please find the City of Goleta's response to the 2006-2007 Grand Jury's Detention Facilities Inspections report. In your letter dated May 17, 2007 you noted Finding 1, 2 and 3, with Recommendation 1.

The City of Goleta contracts with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department to provide all Law Enforcement functions within the geographic boundaries of the incorporated city.

Finding 1:

In all inspections of detention facilities throughout Santa Barbara County, none were found to be sub-standard with respect to regulations.

Response to Finding 1: The City of Goleta agrees with this finding. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department operates the Main Jail custody facility utilized to house persons taken into custody within the geographic boundaries of the incorporated city and we are encouraged that the Jury found nothing substandard at this facility.

Finding 2:

Inspections revealed no major flaws or shortfalls in staff performance.

Response to Finding 2: The City of Goleta agrees with this finding. While the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department operates this facility, citizens of the City of Goleta, when arrested, face the potential of confinement in the Main Jail facility. Due to this interaction, the City of Goleta has an interest in the operation of this facility. Our two entities will strive to improve all facets of our service to our communities.

Finding 3: Staff has used initiative and ingenuity to achieve positive results during periods of reduced funding.

Response to Finding 3: The City of Goleta agrees with this finding. While the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department operates this facility, citizens of the City of Goleta, when arrested, face the potential of confinement in this facility. Due to this interaction, the City of Goleta has an interest in the operation of this facility. Our two entities will strive to improve all facets of our service to our communities.

Recommendation 1: Supervisory staff should continue to encourage personnel to use initiative to have a positive impact on the work environment.

Response to Recommendation 1: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. While the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department retains exclusive personnel authority, the City of Goleta has already communicated our desire that Sheriff's Department staff make a positive difference in our community and within their work environment.

Please contact me at your convenience if there is additional information that the City of Goleta may provide regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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