



June 25, 2007

The Honorable Judge Melville
Superior Court
312-M East Cook St.
Santa Maria, Ca. 93455

Dear Honorable Melville:

Below please find the City of Solvang's response to the 2006-2007 Grand Jury's *Detention Facilities Inspections*. In your letter dated May 17, 2007 you noted **Finding 1, 2 and 3**, with **Recommendation 1**. These Findings and Recommendation pertain to a holding facility located within a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department facility at 1745 Mission Dr., Solvang.

The City of Solvang contracts with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department to provide all Law Enforcement functions within the geographic boundaries of the incorporated city. The operation of the detention facility located at the Sheriff's Station is included in these contracted functions. While the City of Solvang contracts with the Sheriff's Department, we do embrace a collaborative approach to all issues facing our community.

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 Solvang agrees with this finding.

While the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department operates this facility, citizens of the City of Solvang, when arrested, face the potential of confinement in this facility for a short period. Due to this interaction, the City of Solvang 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 2:

Inspections revealed no major flaws or shortfalls in staff performance.

Response to Finding 2: The City of Solvang agrees with this finding.

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

Response to Finding 3: The City of Solvang agrees with this finding.

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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 Solvang has already communicated our desire that Sheriff's Department staff make a positive difference in our community and within their work environment.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Palmer
Mayor

cc: Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
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