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August 25, 2009

The Honorable Judge J. William McLafferty
Superior Court
1100 Anacapa Street, 2nd floor
P.O. Box 21107
Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1107

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

Dear Judge McLafferty:

The purpose of this letter is to respond the 2008/2009 Santa Barbara Grand Jury Report entitled, **SBCAG – A Road Not Taken.** The following responses to the findings and recommendations were approved by the City Council of the City of Guadalupe.

Response to Findings:

Finding 1a.

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
(SBCAG) HAS AUTHORITY TO DO REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING
THROUGH ITS JPA:**

The City of Guadalupe agrees.

Finding 1b.

**THE STAFF HAS DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING APPROVED BY SBCAG.**

The City of Guadalupe agrees.

Finding 1c.

**THE REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS
ADOPTED BY SBCAG HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED.**

The City of Guadalupe will work to focus on the recommendations at issue and understands the importance of each agency's role in implementing recommendations.

Recommendation 1.

**THAT SBCAG AND EACH RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION IMPLEMENT
ALREADY ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DEAL WITH
REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING.**

The City of Guadalupe is aware of our responsibility in implementing recommendations at the local level. Policies and practices are in place that emphasizes the importance and obligation related to regional land use planning.

Finding 2.

**SBCAG HAS NOT DEVELOPED A FULLY INTEGRATED REGIONAL
PLAN COORDINATING JOBS, HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
THAT INCLUDES ALL THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTIONS.**

The City of Guadalupe agrees.

Recommendation 2.

SBCAG DEVELOP A FULLY INTEGRATED REGIONAL PLAN.

The City of Guadalupe agrees and is obligated as a member jurisdiction to be involved in responding to the State's Regional Land Use Planning requirements under SB 375. The City is fully participating in accordance with legislation to prepare Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) to address land use, housing and transportation.

Finding 3.

**SBCAG REFUSED TO APPLY FOR STATE FUNDS FOR
COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING.**

The City of Guadalupe agrees that available grants should be tapped into for regional planning programs using combined efforts.

Recommendation 3.

**SBCAG AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE FUNDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE
REGIONAL PLANNING:**

The City of Guadalupe agrees that funding related to regional planning may be worthwhile as long as matching requirements are clearly available.

CONCLUSION:

The City appreciates the Grand Jury's recommendations. Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the Grand Jury Report. We appreciate your assistance in the matter of regional land use planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lupe Alvarez", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Lupe Alvarez
City of Guadalupe

Enclosures

c: SBCAG Board Members
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