



CITY OF LOMPOC

March 19, 2014

The Honorable Arthur Garcia
Santa Maria Juvenile Court
4263 California Boulevard
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report entitled,
"What is 2-1-1? Will It Survive in Santa Barbara County?"

Dear Judge Garcia and Grand Jury Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Lompoc City Council in response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report entitled, *"What is 2-1-1? Will It Survive in Santa Barbara County?"* received by our office on February 10, 2014. Within the Report, the City of Lompoc was requested to respond to Findings 1, 3, and 4, and Recommendation 3, within 90 days of receipt of the Report. The Lompoc City Council considered the Report's findings and recommendations at its regular meeting held March 18, 2014, and I now submit the City's response contained herein.

Finding 1 – The Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline is a program that provides a valuable service to the residents of the county.

The City of Lompoc agrees.

Finding 3 – There is insufficient funding to continue operating the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline Program.

There is insufficient information contained in the Report for the City of Lompoc to determine whether current funding is adequate or not. Without an understanding of the efficiency of the operation, it cannot be determined if the budget shortfall is due to inadequate funding or excessive expenses. Lack of a current data base is an indication of inefficiency, and if that is representative of how the balance of the Program is operated, additional funding will not resolve the problems.

