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The Honorable Judge Patricia Kelly
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
312 East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

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Honorable Judge Kelly:

The 2017-18 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury recently released its report entitled *Odors in the City of Santa Maria*. The City of Santa Maria is named as an affected agency and is required to respond to applicable findings and recommendations within 90 days of the report issuance.

RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY FINDING REGARDING ODORS IN THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA

Finding 2: *There is no clear point of contact for citizens to make odor complaints on the City of Santa Maria's website.*

City Response: The City agrees that was true at the time of the Grand Jury's report, but since then the City created such a webpage.

Recommendation: That the City of Santa Maria create a section on its website that clearly directs citizens where to lodge complaints about odors.

Response to Recommendation: This recommendation has been implemented. The City created a new webpage, www.cityofsantamaria.org/odors and informed the local news media. The new webpage titled Odor Complaints, is part of the menu on the City Attorney's Office webpage. The webpage lists phone numbers and a link to public agencies that already respond to complaints of odors.

The above concludes the City's response to the Grand Jury's Report on *Odors in the City of Santa Maria*. The City of Santa Maria respectfully submits this response to the Grand Jury and thanks you again for all your efforts associated with this 2017-18 Grand Jury Report.

ALICE M. PATINO
Mayor