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Re: City of Santa Barbara's Response to Findings and Recommendations  
2019-20 Grand Jury Inspections – Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County

Grand Jury Members and Judge Carrozzo:

The City of Santa Barbara is providing its responses to each relevant Finding and Recommendation located in the Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County 2019-20 Grand Jury Inspections Report. In accordance with the Grand Jury's direction, responses are provided below pursuant to Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code.

## 6.1 Santa Barbara Police Department

**Finding 1:** The aging facility lacks seismic retrofitting and ADA compliance.

**City Response:** The current police facility was built in 1960. The City recognizes today's facility has not been earthquake retrofitted as required by California's Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act of 1986. In 2017, the voters of Santa Barbara passed Measure C which prioritized funding for a new police station.

In September 2019, City Council selected the Cota Commuter Parking Lot as the preferred site alternative for environmental review for the new police station in Santa Barbara. As part of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review, technical studies are in progress that will inform the design and environmental review. The City selected an environmental consultant to produce the technical studies, conduct peer review of studies previously completed, and evaluate the site for potential environmental impacts. This review will culminate in an Initial Study.

City Staff has submitted an application to the City's Preliminary Review Team (PRT). Based on comments received, the plans will be revised and then submitted to the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) for a concept hearing.

## 7.0 Santa Barbara Sobering Center

**Finding 1:** There are no separate accommodations for women.

**Recommendation 1:** That the City of Santa Barbara provide separate accommodations for women at the Center.



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**City's Response:** Effective May 1, 2020, The City of Santa Barbara closed its Sobering Center in downtown Santa Barbara, and transitioned to the use of the County's Sobering Center through the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) located at 305 Camino Del Remedio. This County sobering center is currently being utilized by the SBSO, UCPD, and CHP. They have robust services that will be beneficial for those who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. This County Sobering Center is funded through Prop 47 grant funds and offers more extensive services and space. They have separate accommodations for women at the Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Murillo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Cathy Murillo