

## Response to Grand Jury Report on Gangs

Santa Barbara County District Attorney

### **Finding 1**

*No comprehensive database exists to identify gangs and gang membership.*

Response: Agree

### **Recommendation 1**

*That the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department, the District Attorney and the police departments of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Guadalupe and Lompoc pool their resources to establish a comprehensive database that includes a gang roster across jurisdictions.*

Response:

Such a data base is now being discouraged.

Gang intelligence is currently being shared during regularly scheduled meetings or upon request.

### **Finding 6**

*Gang activities cross jurisdictional boundaries of local law enforcement agencies.*

Response: Agree

### **Recommendation 6a**

*That the Santa Barbara County District Attorney form a consortium including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department and the Police Departments of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Guadalupe to hire a full-time crime analyst and share data to reduce gang crime.*

Response: Will not be implemented.

Given the cuts to all of our budgets due to COVID-19, any new hiring or expansion of services will not be possible this year.

### **Recommendation 6b**

*That the Santa Barbara County District Attorney form a consortium including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department and the Police Departments of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Guadalupe and hire staff that would apply for grants to fund anti-gang programs.*

Response: Will not be implemented.

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