



City of Buellton

March 10, 2014

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

RE: Grand Jury Report: *What is 2-1-1? Will it Survive in Santa Barbara County?*

Honorable Judge Garcia,

We have received the above Grand Jury Report dated February 10, 2014, and offer the following responses.

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

Response: Agree, however our knowledge of the benefits of the service have been from the County of Santa Barbara and not through direct comments from residents of Buellton.

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

Response: Agree.

Finding 4: The cities of Santa Maria, Solvang, Buellton, Goleta, Carpinteria, and Guadalupe do not contribute financially to the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline Program.

Response: Agree.

Recommendation 3: That the county, cities, and other entities benefitting from the services provided by the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline Program contribute funding in proportionate amounts as proposed by county staff in its December 2013 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Response: Partially agree as the City has not seen any December 2013 recommendations. However, the City of Buellton is willing to consider paying a pro rata share of the cost based on the number of Buellton residents using the service.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 805-688-5177.

Sincerely,

Marc P. Bierzinski
City Manager

CC: Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (copy of letter and CD with electronic version)