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The Honorable Brian Hill
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
312 M East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93455-5165

Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Attention: Foreperson, Ted Sten
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Honorable Judge Hill & Grand Jury Foreperson Ted Sten:

This letter is in response to the Civil Grand Jury's letter to the Mayor dated October 4, 2011, requesting a response to its 2011-2012 report entitled "Grand Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras." The response is provided pursuant to the requirements of State Penal Code Section 933(c).

We have enclosed with this letter the detailed response to the findings and recommendations contained in that report as approved by the Santa Barbara City Council at its regular meeting of December 13, 2011. The Grand Jury Report requests a response from the City of Santa Barbara and our Chief of Police. This response constitutes the reply of both the City Council and the Chief of Police of the City of Santa Barbara.

Please feel free to contact us and/or Santa Barbara City Attorney Stephen Wiley should you have any questions concerning the City's response or if you need anything further from the City.

Sincerely,

Helene Schneider
Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara

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**Response to the Report of the 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Report Entitled "Grant Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras."**

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

All County law enforcement agencies except the Police Departments of the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Guadalupe have currently installed audio/visual technology in their patrol vehicles.

Response:

We concur that the Santa Barbara Police Department does not have an audio/visual technology installed in our patrol vehicles.

Finding 2

Citing costs, the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe currently do not have audio/video technology installed in their patrol vehicles.

Response:

We concur that the cost has been a prohibitive factor in the acquisition of audio/visual technology for our patrol vehicles. This cost is estimated at \$250,000-\$300,000 to install audio/visual technology in the patrol fleet. In addition, the Police Department has allocated personnel resources to several major projects which were urgent priorities. For example in 2007, the Police Department embarked upon a 6 year project for the complete modernization and replacement of the Records Management System, Computer Aided Dispatch System, Mobile Data Terminal Computers, and the Mobile Report Entry System. During the installation phase, this project required the full attention of the entire Information Technology staff. The Information Technology Staff is now prepared to devote their attention towards the acquisition and installation of audio/visual technology for Santa Barbara Police Department patrol vehicles.

Recommendation 1

That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe immediately seek out funding sources to provide current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.

Response:

The Police Department will continue to monitor current and future funding sources to include State and Federal grants, donations from local non-profit organizations, and potential Homeland Security funding options.

Recommendation 2

That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe immediately request that their respective City Councils provide any necessary supplemental funds to obtain and install current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.

Response:

The Santa Barbara Police Department has submitted a Council Agenda Report to the Santa Barbara City Council requesting supplemental funds to obtain and install audio/visual technology for patrol vehicles and additional support staff to maintain them. This report will be placed on the December 13, 2011 agenda for City Council.

Recommendation 3

That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe install current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.

Response:

To date, the Santa Barbara Police Department has reviewed seven vendors for audio/visual technology and has contacted every agency in Santa Barbara County who has this technology. We have installed two separate pilot projects to field test this technology and will continue to work with additional vendors to determine recommended features and capabilities of these systems. The Santa Barbara Police Department is prepared to move forward with this project once funding is secured.