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Ted Sten, Foreman  
2013-14 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Response to Letter Dated August 26, 2013, Received August 30, 2013

Dear Mr. Sten:

We acknowledge receipt of the subject letter. We apologize for the time it is taking for the City to complete the preparation of an audit policy as recommended in the Grand Jury's report entitled, "A Failure of Oversight - Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation" (the "Report"). We also appreciate the Grand Jury's continued interest in the City of Lompoc's efforts to complete the preparation of that policy.

As we indicated in our letters of October 17, 2012, April 8, 2013 and May 17, 2013, the City is diligently working toward completing that policy, as it said it would in the original timely response the City provided to the Report.

The City must take exception to the statements in the subject letter alleging the City has failed to meet its legal obligations pursuant to Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05. The original timely and legally sufficient response was dated September 4, 2012. Notwithstanding the foregoing and in further response to the Grand Jury's inquiry and interest, we provide another update to explain the City's progress since our May 17, 2013, correspondence.

At its meeting of June 3, 2013, the City's Human Services Commission completed its review and recommendations for a proposed audit policy. That proposed policy was then brought to the City Council at its meeting of June 18, 2013.

At that June 18th meeting, the City Council determined the proposed policy was still inadequate as to its scope and content. In light of that, the Council appointed an *ad hoc* committee of two Council Members to work with staff to revise the proposed policy and return it to the City Council for further consideration and adoption.

That *ad hoc* committee has met with staff. We anticipate the *ad hoc* committee will complete its review over the next few months. Due to some personnel changes, that process will be taking more time than was first anticipated. Once the *ad hoc* committee

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completes its work, the matter will be presented to the City Council for review and action.

The City Council remains committed to completing this effort. We reiterate the City's intent to provide the final policy to the Grand Jury immediately upon completion.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, then please contact Joseph W. Pannone, City Attorney, at 875-8251 or [jpannone@awattorneys.com](mailto:jpannone@awattorneys.com). Again, we thank the Grand Jury for its continued interest in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Linn, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

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Councilmember Lingl  
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