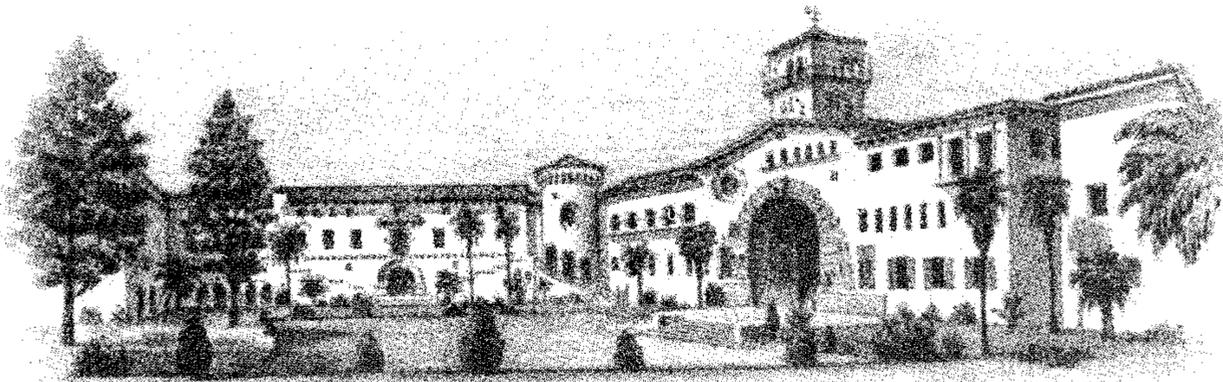


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June 30, 2014

The Honorable Arthur Garcia
Presiding Judge of the Santa Maria Juvenile Court
4263 California Boulevard
Santa Maria, California 93455

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

**Auditor-Controller's Response to the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report on:
Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report
"Santa Barbara County Take-Home Vehicle Use-Clarify and Comply"**

Dear Judge Garcia:

Attached is the Auditor-Controller's response to the current Grand Jury Report entitled Santa Barbara County Take-Home Vehicle Use-Clarify and Comply. The Grand Jury requested that the Auditor-Controller respond to Finding 5 and Recommendation 5. The Auditor-Controller thanks the Grand Jury for its efforts at improving County government over the past year and commends the efforts of its members.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Geis, C.P.A.
Auditor-Controller

Cc: Ted Sten, Grand Jury Foreperson 2013-2014
Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S RESPONSE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2013-2014 GRAND JURY
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Santa Barbara County Take-Home Vehicle Use-Clarify and Comply

RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 5:

That no audit of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office take-home vehicle usage has been conducted examining the cost and benefits of providing vehicles to employees versus other available options.

The Auditor-Controller agrees with this finding. The Auditor-Controller's Office has not performed an audit of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office take-home vehicle usage that examined the costs and benefits of providing vehicles to employees versus other available options.

Recommendation 5:

That the Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller conduct an audit of all Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office take-home vehicle usage to examine the cost and benefits of providing vehicles to employees versus other available options.

The Auditor-Controller agrees with this recommendation. During fiscal year 2014-2015, the Auditor-Controller's Office will conduct an audit of the County Sheriff's Office take-home vehicle usage to examine the cost and benefits of providing vehicles to employees versus other available options.