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Re: Response to 2017-2018 Grand Jury Report on the City of Delano

The City of Delano appreciates the report provided following the Grand Jury's August 17, 2017 and August 21, 2017 visits to our community. Below is the City's response to the findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury Final Report.

The City of Delano agrees with the findings as we are proud of our accomplishments and work daily to provide quality service to our citizens and our staff. Although F9 and F13 remained accurate at the time of your visit, these items were noticed and actions were being implemented to improve in these areas.

Finding 9.

The City maintains a website with information about the city's departments, history, council meeting agendas and minutes, past Grand Jury reports, and how to pay utility bills. However, the website is NOT current with all information, and does not have the 2015-2016 Kern County Grand Jury Report and the City's Response.

Finding 13.

The City Council Meeting on August 21, 2017, was well-run. The public was given many opportunities to make comments on agenda items and during the public comment session. City staff and Department Heads were present to answer questions and make presentations. Votes taken by the council members were not always announced immediately, or with a vote count. Resolutions were passed without a recorded vote of the council members.

The City of Delano will continue the efforts in satisfying these recommendations. Each recommendation and response is listed below.

Recommendation 1.

*The Grand Jury recommends that the City of Delano considers assigning a staff member to maintain their website, so it can be up-to-date.
(Finding 9)*

R1. Response:

The City will assign a staff person to update its website and will add the 2015-2916 Kern County Grand Jury Report and the City's Response to the website.

Recommendation 2.

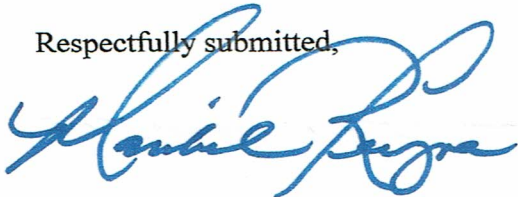
*The City Council should follow California Government Code §36936, which states, "Resolutions, orders for the payment of money, and all ordinances require a recorded majority vote of the total membership of the city council." A **recorded vote** is a vote in which the vote (for or against) of each member of the assembly is recorded (and often later published). (Finding 13)*

R2 Response:

The City Clerk will announce votes taken by the City Council after each vote and will include a vote count. The City Clerk will record the votes in favor and against resolutions.

The City appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's Report. Should you have any questions regarding our written response to the report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 661-720-2222 via telephone or at mreyna@cityofdelano.org via email.

Respectfully submitted,



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