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July 16, 2019

Pat Randolph, Foreperson  
Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: Response to 2018-2019 Marin County Grand Jury Report – *School Resource Officers Revisited*

Dear Ms. Randolph:

At their meeting on July 18, 2019, the Sausalito City Council reviewed and approved the response to the Grand Jury Report "*School Resource Officers Revisited*."

Enclosed you will find the City of Sausalito's and the Police Department's responses. By copy of this letter, Judge Simmons will also receive a copy of the report.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

  
Serge Avila  
City Clerk

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The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons  
Judge of the Marin County Superior Court  
Post Office Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

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SUBJECT: Response to 2018-19 Civil Grand Jury Report – *School Resource Officers Revisited*

Dear Judge Simmons:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 833, et seq., please accept the responses of the City Council to the Grand Jury Report submitted by the 2018-19 Marin County Grand Jury to the City of Sausalito, entitled "School Resource Officers Revisited." The City Council approved these responses on July 18, 2019.

## **Grand Jury Recommendations, and the City's Response**

The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the City of Sausalito specifically respond to the Report recommendations R1, R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11, and R12. Each Recommendation is listed below, which is followed by a response:

R1- SRO programs in Marin County should be retained or expanded where they now exist. SRO programs should be established where they do not exist.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. Due to the limited number of schools and relatively low number of students in Sausalito, the Sausalito Police Department does not have nor has it ever had a SRO. The creation of a SRO program would require the creation of another full time sworn officer position. Sergeants, Corporals, and Officers assigned to patrol handle incidents that occur on the school campuses in Sausalito. As staffing, calls for service, and workload allows, those members of the patrol division also visit the schools to interact with the students personally to build relationships and trust with the children. The Sausalito Police Department is an active participant in the Marin county Office Educations School/Law

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Enforcement Partnership. A Sausalito Police Detective is assigned as part of the School/Law Enforcement Partnership and attends all meetings and events.

R2- Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. Due to the limited number of schools and relatively low number of students in Sausalito. The Sausalito Police Department can provide effective, efficient, and quality service within its pre-existing budget. Therefore, at this time there is no need to create a SRO program or make it a high budgetary priority.

R3- To insure (sic) continuity, each SRO should be assigned to serve for at least a four-year term.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. The Sausalito Police Department does not have an SRO program.

R7- All SROs should completed SRO POST training by July 1, 2020.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. The Sausalito Police Department does not have a SRO program therefore no officers will be sent to the POST SRO training course.

R10 - School districts and municipalities should explore funding sources such as grants, bond issues, special taxes, and other sources.

**Response:** This recommendation requires further analysis. Staff from the Sausalito Police Department the School District would first need to evaluate if the SRO program is feasible and needed. Any discussion of grants, bonds, taxes, and other funding sources would be secondary.

R11 - School districts and municipalities should consider sharing the costs and services of SRO programs.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. We cannot speak for any school district regarding this recommendation. The Sausalito Police Department can continue to provide effective, efficient and quality service within our pre-existing budget without a SRO program due to the limited number of schools and relatively low number of students in Sausalito. However, if the school districts and the Marin County Police Chiefs' Association wished to consider joint programs we would be happy to participate in discussions.

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R12- County law enforcement agencies should provide the time and facilities for the SROs to meet regularly to exchange information, ideas, and discuss new trends by October 1, 2019.

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented due to the fact that the Sausalito Police Department does not have a SRO program. However, if other Marin County law enforcement agencies implement such a meeting, the Sausalito Police Department would have a Detective attend.

Sincerely,

Joe Burns  
Mayor

cc: Marin County Grand Jury

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**AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: **School Resource Officers Revisited**

Report Date: **May 23, 2019**

Response Date: **August 23, 2019**

Agency Name: **City of Sausalito and Sausalito Police Department**

Agenda Date: **July 16, 2019**

Response by: **William R. Fraass**

Title: **Police Lieutenant**

**FINDINGS:**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F4, F9
- I (we) disagree partially with the findings numbered: F3, F5, F6, F7, F8, F10, F11, F12
- I (we) disagree wholly with the findings numbered:

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the finds that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered                      have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered                      have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered R11 require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered R1, R2, R3, R7, R11, R12 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

DATE: 7-3-19

Signed: 