August 8, 2016

John Mann, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: Grand Jury Response – Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in our Backyard

Dear Mr. Mann:

At their meeting of July 26, the Sausalito City Council reviewed and approved the response to the Grand Jury Report “Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It’s Happening in our Backyard”.

Enclosed you will find our response, along with the response from Lieutenant William Fraass, on behalf of the Chief of Police. By copy of this letter, Judge Simmons will also receive one copy of the report.

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

Respectfully,

Debbie Pagliaro
Temporary City Clerk

cc: Judge Kelly Simmons
RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in our Backyard

Report Date: June 16, 2016
Agenda Date: July 26, 2016
Response by: Sausalito City Council  Title: Debbie Paqliaro, Temporary City Clerk

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F3, F6, F9, F10, F13.

- I (we) disagree partially with the findings numbered: F2, F4, F5, F7, F11, F12.

- I (we) disagree wholly with the findings numbered: F8

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R2 have been implemented.

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(Attach an explanation.)

Date: Aug 8, 2016  Signed:  
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CITY OF SAUSALITO

ATTACHMENT TO
Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in our Backyard

Findings – Statement re: F1 through F13:

F1. Human sex trafficking is mostly unrecognized, under-reported, and rarely subject to intervention in Marin. AGREE.

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F3. Reports from two Marin County victim advocate organizations show that approximately 30% of the victims they aid are under the age of 18. AGREE.

F4. Some Marin County law enforcement officers still believe some human trafficking victims are criminals. DISAGREE PARTIALLY. THE OFFICERS OF THE SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT TREAT SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS VICTIMS, NOT CRIMINALS. THE SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT CANNOT SPEAK FOR OFFICERS FROM OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

F5. State law mandates that officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking and some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law. DISAGREE PARTIALLY. OFFICERS FROM THE SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE RECEIVED TWO HOURS OF TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIA THE CALIFORNIA P.O.S.T APPROVED TRAINING VIDEO. THE SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT LEVEL OF TRAINING OTHER AGENCIES ARE PROVIDING THEIR OFFICERS.

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT
MARCOS HIDDEN HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

Report Title: CHALLENGE, ITS HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD
Report Date: 6-23-16
Agenda Date: 7-26-16
Response by: WILLIAM FROGS  Title: LIEUTENANT SOMBADO POLICE

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