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Re: Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations

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On March 18, 2016, the Grand Jury requested my reply to the Findings and Recommendations of the March 17, 2016 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report titled, "2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card." My formal responses to items F2, F5, and R5 of the report are attached.

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Thank you for your interest in this important subject and for soliciting my response.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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**RESPONSES FROM THE MARIN COUNTY ASSESSOR-RECORDER-COUNTY CLERK  
TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE MARCH 17, 2016 MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT  
"2015-16 WEB TRANSPARENCY REPORT CARD"  
"Bringing Marin County's Local Government to Light"**

**FINDINGS**

The Grand Jury finds:

- F2. Finding:** **Inspecting the Marin County Clerk's *Roster of Public Agencies*, the Grand Jury discovered a majority of local agencies out of compliance per California Government Code §53051 (no filings or outdated filings).**
- Response                    The County Clerk disagrees partially. The County Clerk has not conducted an independent investigation of the number of agencies out of compliance and whether the number constitutes a majority or not.
- F5. Finding:** **Marin County's *Roster of Public Agencies* is available for viewing only as hard copy at the office of the Marin County Clerk.**
- Response                    The County Clerk agrees with the finding.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Grand Jury recommends:

- R5. Recommendation:** **To further improve web transparency, the County Clerk of Marin County should allow public remote internet access to its Roster of Public Agencies.**
- Response                    This recommendation has not been implemented, but it will be in the future. The County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk shares a mutual interest with the County of Marin in coordinating and providing online web access to its Roster of Public Agencies as well as an index as soon as possible.