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Victoria Harrison, Foreperson Pro Tem
Marin County Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report "2015-2016 Web Transparency Report Card:
Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light"

Dear Foreperson Pro Tem Harrison:

At its regular meeting on May 17, 2016, the Novato City Council reviewed the above report which requests the City of Novato to respond to Recommendations #2 and #3 of the report. The City's response to both is attached.

If the members of the Grand Jury require additional information, please contact Interim City Manager Cathy Capriola at 415.899.8900 or ccapriola@novato.org.

We appreciate the work of the Grand Jury and thank you for your service to our residents and the Marin community.

Sincerely,

Pat Eklund
Mayor
City of Novato

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: 2015-2016 Web Transparency Report Card: Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light

Report Date: 3/10/16

Agenda Date: 5/17/16

Response by: Mayor Pat Eklund and Title: _____
Novato City Council

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: n/a
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: n/a
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: n/a

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R3 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered n/a have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered n/a require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered R2 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 5/17/16 Signed: 

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Recommendation #2: Agency should file and keep updated its Statement of Facts with the California Secretary of State and Marin County Clerk as required by California Code §53051.

This recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted or reasonable.

Per the California Government Code §53050 defines "public agency" as follows:

53050. The term "public agency," as used in this article, means a district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the state, **but does not include the state or a county, city and county, or city.**

Cities are not required to file a Statement of Facts and therefore, the City of Novato will not be implementing the recommendation as it is not warranted.

Recommendation #3: Agency should update its website to include information of the annual compensation of its elected officials, officers and employees; and this information should also be submitted to the Controller, as required by Sections 12463 and 53909 of the California Government Code.

This recommendation has been implemented and is available on the City of Novato's website. Note that the City does file this information with the Controller.