



August 30, 2016

Jay Hamilton-Roth, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: 2015-16 Grand Jury Report "Web Transparency Report Card: Bringing Marin County's
Local Governments to Light"

Dear Mr. Hamilton-Roth:

We are responding to your letter dated August 9, 2016, requesting the Town of Ross confirm its intent to implement recommendations R1 and R3 for the above-referenced Grand Jury report. We are late in replying due to scheduled vacations during the month of August.

As requested, the link for the Transparent California website for recommendation R3 has been posted on the Town's website at <http://www.townofross.org/hr>.

Regarding recommendation R1, the Town still plans to establish a Financial Reserves Policy, however, this most likely will not occur until next year. We have an important tax measure on the November 2016 ballot for our Public Safety services that will greatly impact our financial reserves if the measure does not pass. The outcome of the election will impact any financial policy we put in place. Therefore, establishing a Financial Reserve Policy prior to the election would be premature and our intent is to establish it post-election.

We will send you a link to the policy once we have established and posted it on our website. Please give me a call at (415) 453-1453 ext. 107, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joe Chinn
Town Manager