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# DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 6, 2017

The Honorable Judge Kelly V. Simmons  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Simmons,

Pursuant to your request of April 6, 2017, the following is the Dixie School District's response to Recommendation R4 in the Grand Jury's report entitled "Overcoming Barriers to Housing Affordability".

RECOMMENDATION

R4 "Each school district should investigate building teacher and staff workforce housing on their land".

*Response:*

The recommendation requires further analysis.

The Dixie School District does agree that there is a need for affordable housing for educators in Marin County; however, at this time the school district is not in a position to offer housing resources such as land to our workforce.

The Dixie School District Superintendent and Board of Education are very supportive of ongoing studies that are looking at the best approach to a situation that requires financing, land and property management. The Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force (EE) was established in 2009 and the topic of affordable housing is a priority of the task force. The EE is currently developing an inventory of available property including existing multi-unit housing, reviewing unique financing options and looking at how other states have addressed the subject of affordable housing.

We continue to appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Brad Honsberger, President  
Dixie School District Board of Education

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Lohwasser, Ed.D.  
Dixie School District Superintendent

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**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: **Overcoming Barriers to Housing Affordability**

Report Date: **April 6, 2017**

Response Date: **July 12, 2017**

Agency Name: Dixie School District Agenda Date: June 6, 2017

Response by: Brad Honsberger Title: Board President

**FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R4 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 \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6/6/17 Signed:   
Brad Honsberger, Board President

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