



CITY OF SAUSALITO

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July 29, 2018

The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
Post Office Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988
Ron Brown, Foreperson
Marin County Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Report – “Homelessness in Marin –
A Progress Report”

Dear Honorable Judge Haakenson and Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, et seq., please accept the response of the City Council to the Grand Jury Report submitted by the Marin County Grand Jury to the City of Sausalito, entitled “Homelessness in Marin – A Progress Report.” The City Council approved the responses on July 17, 2018, at a duly noticed and agendized public meeting.

Recommendation 5 (R5).

The County of Marin and each city and town should actively seek developers to create housing for the homeless within their jurisdictions.

Response:

The City of Sausalito does not currently have staff resources dedicated to actively seek developers to create housing for the homeless, the City’s budget does not have the funds to add resources for this purpose and, therefore, Recommendation 5 will not be implemented.

However, we would note that the Sausalito Police Department has a Homeless Advocacy Team whose purpose is to identify the homeless and connect those in need with services that are available in the county. This includes housing, food, medical assistance or help with filling out forms. The Team is tasked with breaking down the communication barriers and creating an environment where someone in need would feel comfortable coming to the Sausalito Police Department to ask for assistance.

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Further, the Sausalito Police Department, along with the County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services, the Marin Humane Society and other non-profit county organizations, hold a Health Fair every year for those people anchored-out and homeless in Sausalito. The Fair provides health evaluations, minor medical care and flu shots, vouchers for eye exams and dental assistance, and medical supplies, such as wound care supplies and canes are distributed. Fire extinguishers, blankets, life preservers, clothing and emergency kits are also provided. The Humane Society gives out dog/cat food, collars and leashes, and vouchers for free vaccinations.

In addition to addressing the homeless as noted above, the City has amended the local zoning ordinances to allow on our public zoning sites for homeless shelters. We have also participated over the last three years in funding, with other cities, the REST Program and Mobile Shower Program. The City is also meeting our low income housing goals. And lastly, representatives of the City sit on two different county-wide homeless committees.

Please let me know via e-mail at jcox@sausalito.gov, or call 415.289.4100 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Cox
Mayor

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Homelessness in Marin – A Progress Report

Attachment #1

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Homelessness in Marin – A Progress Report

Report Date: June 1, 2018

Response by: City of Sausalito


By: Sausalito City Council

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R5, _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ 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: 7-31-18 Signed: 

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