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## CITY of BELVEDERE

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August 13, 2019

The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson  
Marin County Superior Court  
PO Box 4988  
San Rafael CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Haakenson:

Enclosed please find a response from the City of Belvedere to the May 23, 2019, Marin County Grand Jury's report titled "School Resource Officers Revisited." This item was reviewed and considered by the Belvedere City Council at their August 12, 2019, regular meeting.

Please extend the City's appreciation to the 2019 Grand Jurors for the important work they do on behalf of all of the citizens of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Craig Middleton  
City Manager

Encl.

cc: Pat Randolph, Foreperson  
Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM  
City of Belvedere**

**Report Title:** School Resource Officers Revisited

**Report Date:** July 15, 2019

**Public Release:** May 30, 2019

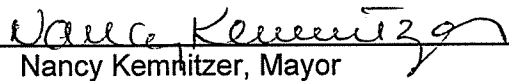
**Response By:** Nancy Kemnitzer, Mayor of the City of Belvedere

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendation(s) numbered R1, R2, R3, R8, R10, R11, and R12 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Date: 08/12/2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Nancy Kemnitzer, Mayor

Number of pages attached: 2

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- R1. SRO programs in Marin County should be retained or expanded where they now exist. SRO programs should be established to cover those school districts where they do not exist.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports SRO programs but there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

- R2. Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports making SRO programs a high budget priority. However, there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

- R3. To insure continuity, each SRO should be assigned to serve for at least a four-year term.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports continuity in the SRO programs but there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future. The City of Belvedere believes that the terms of SROs should be determined by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the school.

- R8. All SROs should complete SRO POST training by July 1, 2020.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports training for SRO programs, but there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

- R8. Law enforcement agencies should fund additional training for SROs that will help them keep up with and handle their responsibilities.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports making SRO programs a high budget priority. However, there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

- R10. School districts and municipalities should explore funding sources such as grants, bond issues, special taxes, and other sources.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports the concept of alternative funding sources for affected municipalities and school districts. However, there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

**R11. School districts and municipalities should consider sharing the costs and services of SRO programs.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports the concept of cost sharing for affected municipalities and school districts. However, there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.

**R12. County law enforcement agencies should provide the time and facilities for the SROs to meet regularly to exchange information, ideas, and discuss new trends by October 1, 2019.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports the ability for SROs to hold regular meetings in furtherance of the program. However, there are currently no schools in the City of Belvedere, and it is unlikely there will be any potential schools in the future.