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August 18, 2020

Lucy Dilworth, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275 San Rafael, CA 94903

Foreperson Dilworth:

Thank you for focusing on the critical issue of cybersecurity in your recent report, “Cyberattacks: A Growing Threat to Marin Government.” Cybersecurity and the threat cybercrime poses to public agencies—especially smaller cities and towns like those of Marin County—are a top priority of mine as mayor, and our town continues taking affirmative steps to address this threat.

At its regular meeting on August 18, 2020, the Town Council reviewed the report “Cyberattacks: A Growing Threat to Marin Government”, dated May 11, 2020. The report calls for a response from the Town of Corte Madera to Findings F3-F10 and Recommendations R4-R9. Please see the attached for the response from the Town.

Should the members of the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact Town Manager, Todd Cusimano at 415-927-5061 or tcusimano@tcmmail.org.

Sincerely,

Eli Beckman, Mayor
Town of Corte Madera

AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Cyberattacks: A Growing Threat to Marin Government

Report Date: 5/11/2020

Response Date: 8/18/2020

Agency Name: Town of Corte Madera Agenda Date: 8/18/2020

Response by: Eli Beckman Title: Mayor

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F3, F7, F8, F10
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: F4, F5
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: F6, F9

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R7, R8 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R4 - R6, R9 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 N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/18/2020 Signed: 

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

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Title: Mayor, Town of Corte Madera

FINDINGS

F3. Transparency is lacking regarding cybersecurity because past breaches have not been publicly disclosed, and city and town councils have not facilitated public discussion of cybersecurity issues.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera has not experienced a security breach that would require public disclosure. But the Town will facilitate a public discussion on cybersecurity attacks and issues.

F4. Most elected officials in Marin's cities and towns are not sufficiently engaged in ensuring robust cybersecurity policies and procedures are in place.

Disagree partially. This is a general statement concerning "most" elected officials in Marin cities and towns. The Town of Corte Madera will not comment on the findings asserting practices of other cities and towns. Therefore, the Town cannot agree with the portions of the finding concerning other municipalities.

The Town Council at its 2020 priority setting workshop discussed cybersecurity concerns and made this issue a top priority for the upcoming 2020/2021 workplan.

F5. County and municipal officials and managers have been generally unaware of breaches that have occurred outside their own agencies in Marin and therefore have not felt the need to collaborate on measures to improve cybersecurity.

Disagree partially. The Town of Corte Madera has not consistently been made aware of breaches outside of our agency. However, issues of cybersecurity have been discussed by the Marin Managers Association.

F6. Municipalities have been lax in following FBI guidance that cybersecurity breaches be reported to federal law enforcement.

Disagree. The Town of Corte Madera has not experienced a cybersecurity breach that would have been required to be reported to federal law enforcement. The Town will not comment on findings concerning other cities and towns. Therefore, the Town of Corte Madera cannot agree with the portions of the finding concerning other municipalities.

F7. Marin's cities and towns have not made a concerted effort to standardize around a common set of best practices with respect to cybersecurity.