December 22, 2020

The Honorable Andrew E. Sweet
Presiding Judge,
Marin County Superior Court
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Ms. Lucy Dilworth
2019-2020 Foreperson,
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913

Re: City of San Rafael response to "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County" Marin County Civil Grand Jury report dated October 30, 2020

Dear Judge Sweet and Foreperson Dilworth:

At the regular City Council meeting on December 21, 2020, the San Rafael City Council reviewed the report "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County?" and in accordance with Penal Code 933 (c) responded to Findings F1-F6 and Recommendations R2-R4 as requested.

Should the members of the Grand Jury require additional information, please contact Jim Schutz, City Manager, at (415) 485-3070.

Sincerely,

Maribeth Bushey
for

Kate Colin
Mayor

Gary O. Phillips, **Mayor** • Kate Colin, **Vice Mayor** • Maribeth Bushey, **Councilmember** • John Gamblin, **Councilmember** • Andrew Cuyugan McCullough, **Councilmember**

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County
Report Date: October 30, 2020

Response By: San Rafael City Council
Title: Mayor and City Council

FINDINGS:

- We agree with the findings numbered **F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6**
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered **N/A**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendations numbered R2, R3, R4 have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

DATED: 01/04/2021

Signed: Maribeth Bushey
for KATE COLIN, Mayor

ATTEST: B. Nurmi
for Lindsay Lara, City Clerk

Number of pages attached: 1

ATTACHMENT C: RESPONSE OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL TO GRAND JURY REPORT "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County".

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES

R2. Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff, should, at least annually, beginning in fiscal year 2020–21, send reminders to its residents regarding the need for safe handling and storage of firearms, and this reminder should be posted on official websites and social media platforms.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

In November of 2020, the San Rafael Police Department sent out information to our residents regarding the need for safe handling and storage of firearms. The firearm safety information is currently posted on our police department official website (srpd.org). The safety information was publicly posted on our social media platforms. The police department will continue to send out firearm safety information on an annual basis.

R3. Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff should, within six months of the date of this report, offer free gun locks and publicize a procedure for residents to turn in unwanted weapons. This message should also be posted on official websites and social media platforms.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

The police department provides free gun locks to the public through a partnership with Project ChildSafe. Project ChildSafe is a nationwide educational program that promotes the safe storage of firearms in the home. The program raises awareness about firearms safety by distributing gun locks and educational materials to gun owners. Project ChildSafe provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from unauthorized persons, including children, at-risk individuals and criminals. Free gun locks are currently being distributed to the public by visiting the City of San Rafael Public Safety Center.

The police department has a current procedure for residents to turn in unwanted weapons. The procedure to turn in unwanted weapons and information regarding Project ChildSafe are both currently posted on our police department official website. Information regarding the two programs were also posted and shared on our social media platforms in November of 2020.

R4. The Marin County district attorney should work with other law enforcement agencies to continue to offer gun buyback programs, funded by public donations or grants.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

The police department partnered with the Marin County District Attorney's Office in 2013 and in 2016 on gun buyback events. On November 5th, 2020, the Marin County District Attorney's Office notified our department that no gun buyback events are planned at this time, due to the current COVID-19 conditions. The police department is committed to working with the Marin County District Attorney's Office on future events.

RESOLUTION NO. 14885

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESPONSE TO THE 2019-2020 MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "THE GUN NEXT DOOR: FIREARM SAFETY IN MARIN COUNTY"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 933, a public agency which receives a Grand Jury Report addressing aspects of the public agency's operations, must comment on the Report's findings and recommendations contained in the Report in writing within ninety (90) days to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the Foreperson of the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Penal Code section 933 specifically requires that the "governing body" of the public agency provide said response and, in order to lawfully comply, the governing body must consider and adopt the response at a noticed public meeting pursuant to the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Rafael has received and reviewed the 2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report, issued October 30, 2020, entitled "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County" and has agenized it at this meeting for a response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby:

1. Approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the City of San Rafael's response to the 2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report, issued October 30, 2020, entitled "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County", a copy of which is attached hereto.

2. Directs the City Clerk to forward the City's Grand Jury Report response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court and to the Foreperson of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury.

I, Lindsay Lara, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the San Rafael City Council held on December 21, 2020 by the following vote to wit:

AYES: **Councilmembers: Bushey, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate**

NOES: **Councilmembers: None**

ABSENT: **Councilmembers: None**

B. Nerrmi
for LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk