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January 27, 2021

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

RE: Response to 2019-2020 Civil Grand Jury Report – *The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County*


Dear Mrs. Dilworth:

At their meeting on January 26, 2021, the Sausalito City Council reviewed and approved the response to the Grand Jury Report “*The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County.*”

Enclosed you will find the City of Sausalito’s response. By copy of this letter, Judge Sweet will also receive a copy of the report.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Heidi Scoble
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The Honorable Judge Andrew Sweet
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SUBJECT: Response to 2019-2020 Civil Grand Jury Report – *The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County*

Dear Judge Sweet:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 833, et seq., please accept the responses of the City Council to the Grand Jury Report submitted by the 2090-20 Marin County Grand Jury to the City of Sausalito, entitled “The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County.” The City Council approved these responses on January 26, 2021.

Grand Jury Findings, and the City’s Response

The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the City of Sausalito specifically respond to the Report findings F1-F6. Each finding is listed below, which is followed by a response:

F1 - A comprehensive public awareness campaign that reaches all Marin residents would be effective in reducing the risk from unsafely handled and stored guns.

Response: Agree.

F2- Marin residents should be reminded that firearms stored unsafely increase the potential for accidental injury or death.

Response: Agree.

F3- Firearms that are not stored in a gun safe pose an unacceptable risk of being stolen or used in crime.

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Response: Agree.

F4- Marin residents should be reminded that a gun in a home increases the risk of suicide for all members of the household.

Response: Agree.

F5- Gun buyback programs reduce the availability of lethal weapons to suicidal individuals, the risk of accidental injury or death, and the possibility that a gun will be stolen.

Response: Agree.

F6- Gun violence restraining orders can play an important role in keeping guns away from those who should not have them.

Response: Agree.

Grand Jury Recommendations, and the City's Response

The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the City of Sausalito specifically respond to the Report recommendations R2, R3, and R4. Each recommendation is listed below, which is followed by a response:

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. The Sausalito Police Department has published firearms safety information on our city and department webpage. The information has been publicized in our city e-letter and on our social media platforms. This information will be bi-annually distributed from here forward.

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 Sausalito Police Department has obtained gun locks from Project Childsafe. The process to obtain the gun locks, surrender firearms, along with other firearm safety information has been

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posted on our city and department webpage. The program has been publicized in our city e-letter and on our social media platforms. This information will be annually distributed from here forward.

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: The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. The Sausalito Police Department agrees and will fully participate in the gun buyback programs offered and organized by the county.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Jill James Hoffman

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Mayor

cc: Marin County Grand Jury

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