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Responses to the findings and recommendations in the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report, "CORE: the Needs of the Community Equitably Distributed."

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached for the County Administrative Officer and the Human Services Director's responses to the findings and recommendations in the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report, "CORE: the Needs of the Community Equitably Distributed."

Best,

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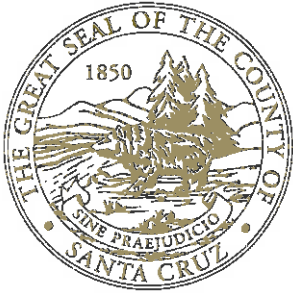
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August 8, 2023

The Honorable Syda Cogliati
Santa Cruz Courthouse
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Response to the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report titled "CORE: The Needs of the Community Equitably Distributed – A Model of Transparency"

Dear Judge Cogliati:

The purpose of this letter is to formally transmit the responses of the Santa Cruz County Chief Administrative Officer and the Santa Cruz County Director of Human Services to the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report titled "CORE: The Needs of the Community Equitably Distributed – A Model of Transparency."

Sincerely,

ZACH FRIEND, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ZF: cs
Attachment

CC: Clerk of the Board
Santa Cruz County Grand Jury



The 2022–2023 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury
Invites the
Chief Administrative Officer, Santa Cruz County
to Respond by August 16, 2023
to the Findings and Recommendations listed below
which were assigned to them in the report titled
**CORE: The Needs of The Community
Equitably Distributed**
A Model of Transparency

Responses are **invited** from appointed agency and department heads, appointed committees, and non-profit agencies contracted to the county which are investigated by the grand jury. You are not required to respond by the California Penal Code [\(PC\) §933\(c\)](#); if you do, [PC §933\(c\)](#) requires you to make your response available to the public.

If you choose to respond, your response will be considered **compliant** under [PC §933.05](#) if it contains an appropriate comment on **all** findings and recommendations **which were assigned to you** in the report.

Please follow the instructions below when preparing your response.

Instructions for Respondents

Your assigned [Findings](#) and [Recommendations](#) are listed on the following pages with check boxes and an expandable space for summaries, timeframes, and explanations. Please follow these instructions, which paraphrase [PC §933.05](#):

1. **For the Findings, mark one of the following responses with an “X” and provide the required additional information:**
 - a. **AGREE with the Finding**, or
 - b. **PARTIALLY DISAGREE with the Finding** – specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons why, or
 - c. **DISAGREE with the Finding** – provide an explanation of the reasons why.

2. **For the Recommendations, mark one of the following actions with an “X” and provide the required additional information:**
 - a. **HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED** – provide a summary of the action taken, or
 - b. **HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE** – provide a timeframe or expected date for completion, or
 - c. **REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS** – provide an explanation, scope, and parameters of an analysis to be completed within six months, or
 - d. **WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED** – provide an explanation of why it is not warranted or not reasonable.

3. **When your responses are complete, please email your completed Response Packet as a PDF file attachment to both**

The Honorable Judge Syda Cogliati Syda.Cogliati@santacruzcourt.org and

The Santa Cruz County Grand Jury grandjury@scgrandjury.org.

If you have questions about this response form, please contact the Grand Jury by calling 831-454-2099 or by sending an email to grandjury@scgrandjury.org.

Findings

F1. Funds are focused on improving conditions of well-being for community members experiencing the greatest challenges and barriers in the County.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

F2. A hybrid approach is administered to support both broad-based service programs and smaller “Targeted Impact” models.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

F3. There is good diversity of eligible applicants: Non-profit 501(c)(3) agencies, federally recognized tribal entities, and public education agencies.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

F4. The program is well coordinated, with County and City staff partnering to review and award for all tiers. The City focused their funding on programs serving primarily City residents.

- AGREE**
- PARTIALLY DISAGREE**
- DISAGREE**

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

F5. A clear outline of the RFP is available to the applicants, with an understanding of the awards process and the tier level they fall under.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

[Empty response explanation box]

F6. The County and City provides a comprehensive review of the process which allows the applicants an opportunity to ask questions of clarity if needed.

- AGREE**
- PARTIALLY DISAGREE**
- DISAGREE**

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):