



Santa Cruz County
Civil Grand Jury

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Board of Supervisors Responses--2020-2021 Grand Jury Report "Justice in the Jail"

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Good Morning,

Please see attached for the Board of Supervisors responses to the 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report titled "Justice in the Jail."

Best,

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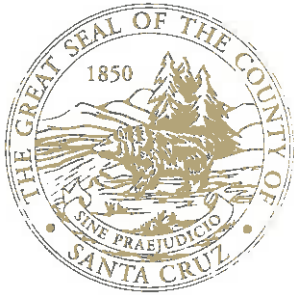
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September 16, 2021

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

RE: Response to the 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report "Justice in the Jail"

Dear Judge Cogliati:

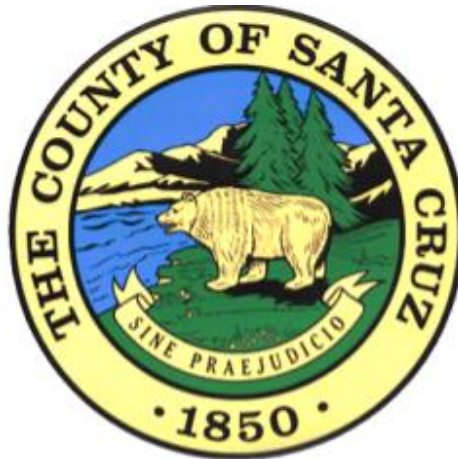
The purpose of this letter is to formally transmit the response of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to the 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report, titled "Justice in the Jail."

Sincerely,

BRUCE MCPHERSON, Chair
Board of Supervisors

BM:ccs
Attachment

CC: Clerk of the Board
Santa Cruz County Grand Jury



**The 2020–2021 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury
Requires the
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
to Respond to the Findings and Recommendations listed below
which were assigned to them in the Report Titled**

Justice in the Jail

“The degree of civilization in a society can be judged
by entering its prisons.” – Fyodor Dostoevsky

by September 15, 2021

Responses are **required** from elected officials, elected agency or department heads, and elected boards, councils, and committees which are investigated by the Grand Jury. You are required to respond by the California Penal Code [\(PC\) §933\(c\)](#).

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 this 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. **Please confirm the date on which you approved the assigned responses:**

We approved these responses in a regular public meeting as shown
in our minutes dated September 14, 2021.

4. **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. The Board of Supervisors has failed to assert and exercise proper oversight within their purview of the Main jail.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

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

The Board is routinely advised on jail related issues and provides input as needed.

F2. Adoption of a Sheriffs Oversight Board or Inspector General under Government Code § 25303.7 will provide necessary public transparency and structure to support the Board of Supervisors' supervision of the Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

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

The Board of State and Community Corrections and the Civil Grand Jury already provide effective oversight.

F3. Adoption of a Sheriffs Oversight Board or Inspector General under Government Code § 25303.7 will provide an effective advocate before the Board of Supervisors and the public regarding the Sheriff's needs.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

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

The Board of State and Community Corrections and the Civil Grand Jury already provide effective oversight.

Recommendations

- R1.** Within six months the Board of Supervisors should either establish a Sheriff Oversight Board or Inspector General as provided in Government Code § 25303.7, or alternatively place the issue before the voters in the county. (F1–F9)

HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain the scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Required response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

The Board of State and Community Corrections and the Civil Grand Jury already provide effective oversight.

R2. Within six months the Board of Supervisors should agendaize and open for public comment issues raised by Government Code § 25303.7. (F1–F9)

HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

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REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain the scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Required response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

There is an existing public comment period during every Board meeting. The public comment period is an appropriate forum for members of the public to directly address the Board on items that are not on the Agenda.

R3. Within six months the Sheriff should propose for the Board of Supervisors' review and approval an increase in Correction Officer staffing and associated budget to reduce the need for mandatory overtime and to sufficiently staff the Main Jail. (F1, F9)

HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain the scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Required response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

The budget is approved annually and Corrections Bureau staffing levels for the fiscal year 2021-22 are adequate. Mandatory overtime is in place due to several unfunded and vacant positions and because of 11 corrections officers being out on long term leave (FMLA, worker comp, etc.).

