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**October 12, 2016**

Michael Simmons, Foreperson  
2015-2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury  
725 Court Street  
P.O. Box 431  
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Pursuant to your June 24, 2016 letter regarding Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County" please consider this to be the City of Lafayette's response. This response was reviewed and authorized by the City Council at a duly noticed City Council meeting on October 11, 2016. According to page 27 of the Report, Lafayette is required to respond to Findings 11-12 and Recommendation 17.

**Finding 11:** The city does not have a daytime curfew.  
**City response:** Agree.

**Finding 12:** The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.  
**City response:** Partially disagree. The police department reports they do not have a large number of contact with juveniles who are not in school when they are supposed to be. Within Lafayette, there is nothing to support a correlation between daytime crime and juveniles who are not in school.

**Recommendation 17:** The city should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.  
**City response:** The police department will consult with the various school districts and campuses within the city to see if such an ordinance would be beneficial. The police department has a good working relationship with each district and each of the Principals within the community. When assistance is requested, the police department has been responsive. The police department will report to the City Council on its findings if such an ordinance is needed by December 15, 2016.

We appreciate your time and attention in consideration of these important matters and hope this letter is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

  
Steven Falk, City Manager

