



City of Pleasant Hill

September 19, 2016

Honorable John T. Laettner, Judge of the Superior Court
Michael Simmons, Foreperson, 2015-2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553
Also via email to epant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

RE: City of Pleasant Hill's Response to Report No. 1615 "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?"

Dear Judge Laettner and Foreperson Simmons:

In June 2016, the 2015-2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury issued Report No. 1615 entitled "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools?" Below find the City of Pleasant Hill's responses to the report's findings and recommendations.

FINDINGS

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: Agree, although the City of Pleasant Hill does not have specific empirical evidence to substantiate this viewpoint.

RECOMMENDATIONS

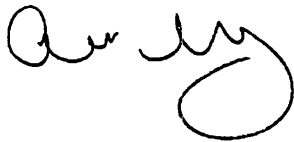
Recommendation 17. The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce, and promote a daytime curfew.

City Response: The recommendation requires further analysis. The Pleasant Hill Police

Department believes that it has the authority and tools to appropriately prioritize addressing truancy, including through existing provisions of the State Education Code, and therefore the City of Pleasant Hill does not need a daytime curfew for this purpose. The City will consider participating once again in "Operation Stay in School" with the Mount Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD). Operation Stay in School is a longstanding program in the MDUSD whereby police officers return truant juveniles to their respective school in an attempt to curb truancy.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding the City's response at 925-671-5284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Andrew Murray, Assistant City Manager

Cc: Sue Noack, Mayor
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John Moore, Chief of Police

Attachments: - Letter from Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Regarding Report
- Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report