



Town of Moraga

TOWN MANAGER

September 2, 2016

Mr. Michael Simmons, Foreperson
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
Post Office Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Mr. Simmons,

This letter represents the response from the Town of Moraga to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1615, entitled "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools," pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05.

Findings

F11: The city does not have a daytime curfew.

Response: The Town of Moraga agrees with the finding.

F12: The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

Response: The Town of Moraga partially agrees with the finding. This may be an appropriate approach for some communities with daytime juvenile crime issues; however, the Town of Moraga does not see the need for a daytime curfew at this time nor the need to criminalize truancy when other alternatives are currently available as provided in Welfare and Institutions Code §601.

Recommendations

R17: The City should consider adopting a policy to promulgate, enforce and promote a daytime curfew.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented as it is not reasonable, given the law enforcement resources of the Town and no indication that current crime incidence rate would be impacted by a daytime curfew. The Town has not experienced changes in crime statistics that coincide with the truancy rate or school schedule to justify the establishment of a daytime curfew ordinance. The Town's police department coordinates with both the high school and elementary school districts, participates on the School

Attendance Review Board and assists with disciplinary issues related to truancy, as needed.

This response was reviewed and authorized by the Moraga Town Council at a regular meeting on August 24, 2016.

Sincerely,



Robert Priebe
Interim Town Manager