



August 31, 2018

Honorable Anita Santos, Judge of the Superior Court  
Mario Gutierrez, Foreperson, 2017-2018 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury  
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury  
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RE: Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities"

Dear Mr. Gutierrez:

On behalf of the City of Martinez, this letter serves as a response to Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities," by the Contra Costa Grand Jury. In accordance with your request and Section 933.05 of the California Government Code, the City is responding as required to Finding 1 and Recommendations 1 and 5 as outlined in the Grand Jury Report (pg. 10).

## **FINDINGS**

**F1:** "In the Direct JPA model, each member delegates to the JPA a function that each member has the legal authority to provide. This shared approach results in cost savings and better efficiency on behalf of taxpayers."

**Response:** The City of Martinez agrees with this finding.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1:** “All cities with JPAs in the County should confirm their compliance with Gov. Codes Sections 6505 by submitting the required audit report to the County Auditor by December 31, 2018.”

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. JPAs are separate legal public entities, and compliance is the responsibility of each JPA, not the City. The City is a member of several JPAs and does not have the resources to monitor each JPA as to its compliance.

**R5:** “All cities with JPAs should consider making special efforts, such as special mailings to taxpayers, website postings and announcements in local media, to communicate JPA debt decisions and audit reports to the public beyond simple notifications by December 31, 2018.”

**Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented. Again, each JPA is a separate legal entity and the City does not have the responsibility nor the resources available to report on actions taken by every JPA of which it is a member.

We appreciate the Grand Jury’s efforts on behalf of our communities and the residents of Contra Costa County.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding the City’s response at 925-372-3520.

Regards,

Brad Kilger  
City Manager