



September 7, 2016

Honorable John T. Laettner
Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Re: Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools"

Dear Judge Laettner:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1615, "Truancy and Chronic Absence in Contra Costa County Schools." This response was reviewed and authorized by the City Council at a duly noticed City Council meeting on September 6, 2016.

Grand Jury Findings

Finding #11: The city does not have a daytime curfew.

Response: Orinda agrees with Finding #11.

Finding #12: The city that has and enforces a daytime curfew sees less daytime and juvenile crime.

Response: Orinda neither agrees nor disagrees with Finding #12. The City of Orinda cannot speak to the effectiveness of a daytime curfew in cities that enforce a daytime curfew.

Grand Jury Recommendations

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

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented. The Orinda Union Elementary has a truancy rate of .31%, we have no need to participate in a daytime curfew.

The City of Orinda appreciates the time and effort spent by His Honor and the Grand Jury in consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eve Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eve Phillips
Vice Mayor, City of Orinda

cc: Grand Jury Foreperson Michael Simmons