



*"Small Town Atmosphere
Outstanding Quality of Life"*

July 19, 2017

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. 1707, "Homelessness in the Cities."

Dear Judge Laettner:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1707, "Homelessness in the Cities" This response was reviewed and authorized by the Town Council at a duly noticed Town Council meeting on July 18, 2017.

Grand Jury Findings

Finding #1: CORE [Coordinated Outreach, Referral, and Engagement] teams are most likely to be the first point of entry for the homeless into the County's Coordinated Entry System.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #1.

Finding #2: CORE teams can successfully identify a homeless individual in need of physical or mental health services.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #2.

Finding #3: CORE teams have the resources to identify if there are vacant shelter beds available in the County.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #3.

Finding #4: CORE teams are equipped and have the authorization to transport homeless individuals to a medical facility or to a homeless shelter.

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Response: Danville agrees with Finding #4.

Finding #5: CORE teams build trust between the homeless and police departments.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #5.

Finding #9: The cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek, which are the CDBG Entitlement Cities, are the only cities in Contra Costa County that have an approved written homeless plan to end or reduce homelessness in their respective jurisdictions.

Response: Danville partially disagrees with Finding #9. The Town cannot address the practices of other entities. While the Town of Danville does not have an approved written homeless plan to end or reduce homelessness in Danville, there has not been a need to do so at this time. As the Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1707 reported, the Point in Time counts of homeless families and individuals in 2015 and 2016 showed zero individuals unsheltered.

Finding #10: The City appears to be in compliance with the California Housing Accountability Act.

Response: Danville agrees with Finding #10.

Grand Jury Recommendations

Recommendation #1: The City should consider establishing CORE teams either by partnering with one or more cities in the region or by funding its own team.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. There are not enough homeless individuals in the Town of Danville (zero in the last two Point in Time Counts) to justify its own CORE team or to combine with another city in the region such as the City of San Ramon. The cities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill, as well as the cities of Concord and Walnut Creek are forming their own CORE teams because their combined homeless counts exceed 100. In communities such as Danville where there may still be a need, but not enough to have its own CORE team, the Countywide CORE team is able to serve and respond to needs in the Town of Danville. Danville Police Department and appropriate Town personnel have been trained on how to contact the CORE team.

Recommendation #2: The City should consider providing incentives for developers to construct housing for the extremely low income, very low income, and homeless populations.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. Danville's inclusionary zoning program provides an option to pay in lieu fees, which are set aside for the provision of affordable housing. These incentives for developers support affordable housing efforts.

Recommendation #3: The City should consider using Successor Agency funds, CDBG and other federal housing funds, impact fees, and city general funds to assist in funding housing for the extremely low income, very low income and homeless populations.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Danville's Successor Agency currently assist in funding affordable housing, including those units defined as very low income. As the Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1707 reported, the Point in Time counts of homeless families and individuals in 2015 and 2016 showed zero individuals in Danville unsheltered. Therefore, funding housing for homeless is not needed.

Recommendation #4: The City should consider adopting a five-year comprehensive homeless plan, as soon as possible with a target date of January 1, 2019, to reduce the homeless population in the City.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Point in Time counts of homeless families and individuals in 2015 and 2016 showed zero individuals in Danville unsheltered. Therefore, there is no homeless population in the Town of Danville to reduce.

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

Sincerely,

TOWN OF DANVILLE


Renee S. Morgan
Mayor



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Town Managers Office
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TO: Honorable John T. Laettner

FROM: Diane Friedmann for Mayor Renee Morgan

RE: Response to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1707, "Homelessness in the Cities."

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- 1 Response to Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1707, "Homelessness in the Cities."

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