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Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 431
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In reply to your letter of December 12, 2019 regarding our response to Report #1907, we amend our response to recommendation #4 to:

"The recommendation has been implemented."

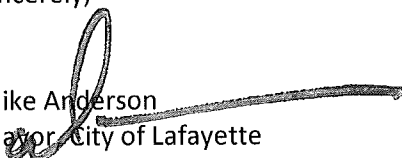
The Lafayette City Council has identified additional revenue sources to fully fund Permit requirements – specifically the City has proposed a number of sales tax and bond measures over the last 15 years. However the identified options have proven to be unpopular with voters. Short of a sales tax or bond measure passing, Lafayette has limited ability to increase revenue and therefore will be forced to utilize more of their General fund to meet Permit requirements, particularly as more extensive requirements may be added over time without relief from any of the past requirements.

We believe that this amendment is responsive to your request given that there are only four legally permitted options however we caution that this specific response is very limited in scope and does not convey the entirety of the City's actions with regard to this issue.

To wit, the Grand Jury recommendation specifically asks City Councils only to identify additional revenue sources but not to implement actions to secure those revenues. Given that the City of Lafayette has had numerous discussions about this issue and has identified a limited number of revenue options available, the City believes that it has implemented the recommendation. However, the fact that none of the identified options is currently viable at this time is not reflected in any of the options that are legally permitted.

We hope that this letter is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,


Mike Anderson
Mayor, City of Lafayette