

July 31, 2001

The Honorable Judge Rodney Melville, Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara County Superior Court
312-C East Cook Street
Santa Maria, California 93456-5369

Board of Supervisor's Response to the 2000-01 Grand Jury Report on:
"A New Look At Area Planning Commissions"

Dear Judge Melville:

During its regular meeting of August 14, 2001, the Board of Supervisors adopted the attached responses (Attachment 1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to all of the County-related findings and recommendations in the 2000-2001 Grand Jury's report on "A New Look at Area Planning Commissions".

These responses are very similar to those submitted by the Office of the County Administrator and the Planning and Development Department; however, the Board disagrees with Finding #6 and states its continued commitment to preserve agricultural land and utilize other means to provide for housing needs. Moreover, in its response to Finding #11 the Board gives examples of successful endeavors involving both environmental and agricultural interests.

The Board of Supervisors thanks the 2000-2001 Grand Jury for its findings and recommendations included in the subject report. The Board of Supervisors appreciates the efforts of the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

Joni Gray
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attachments: Office of the County Administrator's Responses
Planning and Development Department's Responses

C: William L Cathey, 2000-01 Grand Jury Foreperson