

August 12, 2003

The Honorable Clifford R. Anderson, III
Presiding Judge, Santa Barbara Superior Court
P.O. Box 21107
Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1107

David Clous
Grand Jury Foreperson
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Board of Supervisors Response to the 2002-03 Grand Jury Report
 Titled: "Guadalupe — A City in Turmoil and Transition"

Dear Judge Anderson and Grand Jury Members:

On August 12, 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following response, as its response to Finding and Recommendation # 15 of the 2002-03 Grand Jury Report titled Guadalupe—A City in Turmoil and Transition. The Board of Supervisors is the governing body of the County Housing and Community Development Department and the Office of the County Counsel. The Board's adopted responses are consistent with the responses of these agencies and with the response of the County Auditor-Controller.

Finding 15: The Santa Barbara County Economic Development Advisory Committee approved a grant amount of \$45,700 to the Guadalupe Chamber of Commerce for office renovations, furniture, computer hardware and software, and office staffing. The current relationship between the Community Connection, Inc. and the Chamber regarding who is operating the facility for which these funds were received is unclear. In addition, no inventory of the furnishings, equipment and hardware currently located in the facility is available.

Recommendation 15: The Santa Barbara Office of the Auditor – Controller, and the Santa Barbara County Counsel's Office should review the grant made by the Santa Barbara County Economic Advisory Committee to the Guadalupe

Chamber of Commerce, to determine if the current relationships between The Community Connection, Inc., and the Guadalupe Chamber of Commerce is consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant. The Development Advisory Committee needs to oversee a full inventory of all furnishings, equipment and hardware currently located in the facility and to determine the legal owner of the items inventoried.

Response to Finding and Recommendation 15: The Board agrees with the finding that the Santa Barbara Economic Development Advisory Committee approved a grant in the amount of \$45,700 to the Guadalupe Chamber of Commerce, for office renovations and equipment purchases, that the relationship between the Community Connection, Inc. and the Chamber regarding operation of the facility for which the grant was made is unclear, and that no inventory of the renovations and equipment purchased with the grant funds exists.

The recommendation that the Auditor – Controller and County Counsel should review the grant made by the Economic Advisory Committee has been implemented. As indicated in the County Auditor – Controller’s response to the Grand Jury Report, on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, a representative of the internal Audit Division visited the Guadalupe Chamber of Commerce and requested documentary evidence that the grant recipient did receive and expend the approved grant funds. The Auditor – Controller has received requested documentary information, including an inventory provided to the Department of Housing and Community Development, and is preparing a report on their audit findings. Further, County Counsel will review the grant agreement between the County Economic Advisory Committee to determine if the relationship between the Community Connection, Inc. and the Guadalupe Chamber of Commerce is consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant.

The Board of Supervisors thanks the Grand Jury for its interest and the report on this important subject matter.

Sincerely,

Naomi Schwartz, Chair
Board of Supervisors

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report on "Guadalupe- A City in Turmoil and Transition"

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors

- A. Consider the recommended Board of Supervisors response to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report titled: "Guadalupe- A City in Turmoil and Transition"
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached letter (Attachment A) to Clifford R. Anderson, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, transmitting the Board's adopted response.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Goal # I : An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Grand Jury Report was released on May 22, 2003. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933(c), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the Grand Jury report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Courts no later than Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

The Guadalupe- A City in Turmoil and Transition Grand Jury Report contains a total of 16 Findings and 16 Recommendations, the majority of which the City of Guadalupe is required to respond to as the governing body. Three County Departments are required respondents for Finding and Recommendation # 15 only. They are: the Auditor- Controller, the Housing and Community Development Department, and County Counsel. For Finding and Recommendation # 15, the Board of Supervisors is the governing body and must

also respond. A copy of the Grand Jury Report and proposed Board of Supervisors' response to Finding and Recommendation #15 is attached.

Mandates and Service Levels:

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury submits a final report on the operations of a public agency, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under their control. These comments, in and of themselves, do not change existing programs or services levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended responses do not have a fiscal or facilities impact.

Special Instructions:

None

**C: Robert Geis, County Auditor-Controller
Ed Moses, Director, Housing and Community Development
Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel**

Attachments: Attachment A – Letter of Transmittal to Clifford R. Anderson, Presiding Judge
Attachment B – Grand Jury Report titled “Guadalupe — A City in Turmoil and Transition
Attachment C – County Auditor-Controllers Response
Attachment D – County Counsel Response
Attachment E – Housing and Community Development Response