

July 20, 2005

The Honorable Clifford R. Anderson, III
Presiding Judge, Santa Barbara Superior Court
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

SUBJECT: Civil Grand Jury Report

Dear Honorable Judge Anderson:

The City has received and reviewed the report of the 2004-2005 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury entitled "Santa Barbara County's Inclusionary/Affordable Housing Monitoring Program." On behalf of the City Council, I am hereby responding to Finding 2 of the Report, as required by law. I am to state whether the City agrees or disagrees with this Finding.

Finding 2 states: "The City of Santa Barbara appears to have a successful monitoring program."

I am pleased to say that the City agrees with this finding, and we appreciate the Grand Jury's positive comments about the City's program. The comments accurately reflect the high priority which the City places on monitoring compliance with the City's affordable housing requirements.

The Report recommends that the County look to the City's monitoring program for ideas on revising the County's program. City and County housing programs staff have been working cooperatively to exchange information about our programs, policies and accomplishments. Staff of both jurisdictions will continue to share experiences and learn from each other.

Sincerely,

Marty Blum
Mayor

cc: Santa Barbara County Grand Jury/Attn: Foreperson
Jim Armstrong, City Administrator
Paul Casey, Community Development Director

Enclosure: Computer disk with Copy of this Response Letter