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Hon. Arthur A. Garcia  
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SUBJECT: Responses to Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury report "Requiem for Redevelopment, The Life and Death of Redevelopment Agencies in Santa Barbara County."

Dear, Hon. Judge Garcia:

The City of Guadalupe is pleased to provide the following requested responses to the findings and recommendations in the above-referenced report:

**Finding 3:**

Guadalupe: Over the past 11 years spent \$10.9 million; received \$11.5 million in Tax Increment; has \$19.9 million in outstanding long-term debt and obligations.

**Response to Finding 3:** The City of Guadalupe agrees with this finding. The annual Statement of Indebtedness (SOI) report filed with the Department of Finance is posted and available for each year from the State of California. This document provides all of the data needed regarding Tax Increment Revenue and existing Agency Debt.

**Finding 8:**

Detailed data are not available on the amount of money spent on individual projects, the recipients of this money, or how these projects have contributed to eliminating blight.

**Response to Finding 1b:** The Grand Jury should be aware of the Five Year Implementation Plan requirements of all California Redevelopment Agencies. This data is available to the public and included public participation in the development and publishing of the Five Year Implementation Plan, which included a Mid Term Review requirement.

**Recommendation 1**

That all successor agencies provide on their websites the following for projects funded over the past 10 years, including projects that have been funded, but not completed:

1. list of all project funded (completed or not) and the designated blight they eliminated

2. the amount spent (or to be spent) on each individual project
3. the names and locations of recipients of over \$25,000 associated with each project
4. administrative costs and professional services associated with each project
5. amount of principal and interest payments associated with each project.

**Response to Recommendation 1:** The City of Guadalupe will make the annual SOI and previous versions of the Five Year Implementation Plans and Mid Term Review available for anyone who is interested in viewing the documents at City Hall and via our City web page.

**Recommendation 2a**

That all successor agencies provide on their websites their plans for defining and eliminating blight in the absence of RDAs.

**Response to Recommendation 2a:** The defined blight existing within the City is identified in existing documents available to the public on the City web page. However, the City of Guadalupe currently has no plan for the elimination of blight or the funding source to execute any such plan.

**Recommendation 2b**

That all successor agencies provide on their websites their plan for providing low-income and moderate-income housing in the absence of RDAs.

**Response to Recommendation 2b:** The Guadalupe Successor Agency does not have a funding source for the provision of affordable housing and will therefore not spend staff time or efforts to create new unfunded programming. No plans exist that can be placed on the web page. Any new affordable housing will be the result of existing affordable housing requirements placed on new development projects based on the City's existing code for projects over 50 units or via private sector development projects.

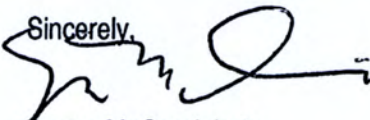
**Recommendation 3**

That all successor agencies provide on their websites debt retirement schedules.

**Response to Recommendation 3:** The City will publish this data on the City web page.

This concludes our responses to the Grand Jury's Report. For any additional assistance we can provide on this, please feel free to contact Regan M. Candelario, City Administrator at (805) 356-3891.

Sincerely,



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