

# CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



April 29, 2014

## Members of the City Council

Honorable Arthur Garcia  
Santa Maria Juvenile Court  
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Santa Maria, CA 93455

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Santa Barbara County Grand Jury  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Judge Garcia/Santa Barbara County Grand Jury:

I am writing in response to the Grand Jury report entitled, "*What is 2-1-1? Will it Survive in Santa Barbara County?*" The City of Carpinteria City Council considered the Report at its regular meeting of April 28, 2014, and the proceedings can be viewed through the City's website at [www.carpinteria.ca.us](http://www.carpinteria.ca.us).

The City Council authorized the following responses to the request from the Grand Jury for responses to certain findings and one recommendation of the Report:

**Finding 1:** The Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline is a program that provides valuable service to the residents of the county.

**Response:** *The City of Carpinteria agrees with the finding.*

**Finding 3:** There is insufficient funding to continue operating the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline.

**Response:** *The City of Carpinteria cannot agree with the finding since it does not have information necessary to determine whether or not funding is sufficient.*

**Finding 4:** The cities of Santa Maria, Solvang, Buellton, Goleta, Carpinteria, and Guadalupe do not contribute financially to the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline Program.

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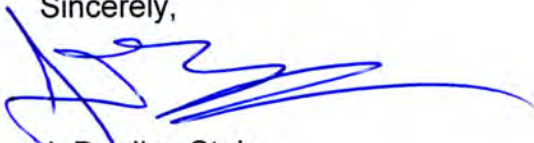
**Response:** *With respect to the City of Carpinteria, the City of Carpinteria agrees with this finding.*

**Recommendation 3:** That the county, the cities, and other entities benefitting from the services provided by the Santa Barbara County 2-1-1 Helpline Program contribute funding in proportionate amounts as proposed by county staff in its December 2013 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**Response:** *The City has not implemented this recommendation. The City of Carpinteria understands that the County of Santa Barbara will be requesting that Carpinteria, along with other cities in the county, provide financial support for the 2-1-1- Helpline system and will consider such a request at the appropriate time.*

Should you or the Grand Jury wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me or City Manager Dave Durflinger.

Sincerely,



J. Bradley Stein  
Mayor