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The Honorable Mark S. Boessenecker
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Napa
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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brenna
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Dear Judge Boessenecker:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(c), enclosed are responses to the Grand Jury's 2016-2017 Final Reports, "The Napa County Fairgrounds: The County's Orphan Asset," "Napa Child Abuse Hotline (707) 253-4261 or (800) 464-4216," "Juvenile Hall," "Napa County Jail - Where are we headed?" and "Napa Valley Transportation Agency Vision 2040 Plan."

Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. The Board acknowledges the members of the 2016-2017 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted in preparing the reports.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Belia Ramos in black ink.

Belia Ramos
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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NAPA COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT ON
NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION "AGENCY" VISION 2040 PLAN

August 15, 2017

Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA)

In general, and applicable to most findings and recommendations in this report, the Board of Supervisors is concerned that the Grand Jury did not interview County representatives in order to fully understand the relationship between the County and NVTA. The report recommends that "the Board of Supervisors form a multidisciplinary task force to support the NVTA in developing a true "Transportation Vision."" As pointed out by NVTA in its responses to the Grand Jury report, the correct name of the agency is the Napa Valley Transportation Authority not Agency. The Board of Supervisors represents one entity of the joint power authority which was formed to serve its six member jurisdictions ~~members~~ – the County, the cities of Napa, American Canyon, St. Helena, and Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville. The agency is responsible for programming state and federal funds for local projects. It handles the County's short and long term regional transportation planning working closely with its partners to improve the County's streets, highways, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Finding 1: A majority of interviewees view the Vision 2040 Report's proposed highway improvement lists, bike lanes, and new buses as insufficient to solve Napa County's traffic congestion problems.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors neither agrees nor disagrees with this finding. The finding is an opinion. The purpose of the Vision 2040 Report is to create a road map for solving many transportation-related challenges in the County, which ~~is~~ are not limited solely to traffic congestion.

Finding 2: No quantifiable measurements are in place for the Board or the public to assess Napa County congestion management goals, determine results on a timeline, or evaluate the efficacy of NVTA budgets and spending.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors, as a member of NVTA, agrees that some of the Vision 2040 goals are difficult to quantify. However, there are systems in place to monitor and evaluate NVTA budgets and spending. For example, Measure T includes a monitoring plan for each jurisdiction and an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee ~~who~~ that will review the fiscal and program performance of the Authority to ensure that all revenues are spent in accordance with all provisions of the Ordinance.

