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The Honorable Diane M. Price
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Judith Bernat, Forewoman
2010-2011 Napa County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 5397
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Dear Judge Price and Forewoman Judith Bernat,

The City of Napa has received and reviewed the subject 2010-2011 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report on Napa County Animal Control Services. Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, this letter serves as the City's response to the findings and recommendations.

Response was requested from the Napa Police Department to Findings #1, #4 and Recommendations #1, #2, #3, #4 and #6. The response to this request is noted below:

Finding 1-The Napa Municipal Codes were properly followed in the euthanization of two dangerous pit bull dogs.

Response- The City of Napa has no independent knowledge of the facts pertaining to the euthanization of the two dogs nor if the Napa Municipal Codes were properly followed.

Finding 4-The pit bulls were euthanized following the humane standard practices of the Napa County Animal Shelter.

Response to Finding 4-The City of Napa has no independent knowledge of the facts pertaining to the dogs being euthanized nor if the humane standard practices of the Napa County Animal Shelter were followed.

Recommendation 1-Napa County Sheriff Department's Animal Services, working in conjunction with the Napa Police Department, provides the community with a single phone number for reporting animal problems by the publication deadline of the next phone book.

Response to Recommendation 1- The recommendation has been implemented. The Napa County Sheriff's Office Animal Services has a single phone number for reporting animal issues. The

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phone number 253-4517 has been implemented for some time and is listed in the phone book under the Sheriff's Department listings.

The City of Napa has already corresponded with AT&T to have the Animal Services phone number listed under the Police Department. The phone number 253-4517 will be listed until September 2011, when the Napa Central Communications Center will take over receiving emergency calls and dispatching for animal services. Under the new protocol Animal Services will utilize the Napa Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center business line of 253-4451.

The Police Department has requested that the phone companies change the manner that the Animal Services number is listed in the phone directories. Currently, under the Government page for Napa County, the alphabetical listing for "Animal Field Services" refers people to the Sheriff's Department listing. The verbiage referring people to the Sheriff's Department listing will be removed, and the Napa City Police Dispatch Center phone number added in this location. The Animal Services phone number is currently, and will remain, listed under the Sheriff's Office, providing two areas where people can find the phone number under the Napa County listing. However, this number will also be changed from 253-4517 to 253-4451. Because the phone company directory was recently released, it will take approximately one year for all references to the old Animal Services (253-4517) phone number to be removed.

The contact number for Animal Services is also listed on the Napa County Sheriff's web page.

Recommendation #2

Phone numbers for reporting emergency and non-emergency animal problems appear printed in bold at the beginning of both the City and County phone directory listings.

Response to Recommendation #2

The recommendation will be implemented. Animal Services will be added to the next regular update of the City of Napa phone directory. At this time, Animal Services is not listed in this directory. Main headings, such as "Police Department" are bolded, with all separate services listed alphabetically under the main bolded heading. The type of service is bolded and underlined.

Recommendation #3

Napa County Sheriff's Department Animal Services, working in conjunction with the Napa Police Department, educates the community about the best procedure for reporting vicious animal attacks and other animal problems.

Response to Recommendation #3

The recommendation has been implemented. We will add an Animal Services portion to the Napa Police Department web page that will educate the community on about the best procedures



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for reporting vicious animal attacks and animal problems. We will work with the Napa Sheriff's Office to keep current with information for the community. Officer's involved in Neighborhood Watch programs and meetings will provide the community with information about Animal Services and how to report vicious animal attacks and other animal problems.

Recommendation #4

Napa County Sheriff's Department Animal Services, working in conjunction with the Napa Police Department, prepares a report evaluating the feasibility of placing Animal Control Dispatch services under the City of Napa Police Department.

Response to Recommendation #4

The recommendation has been implemented (effective September 1, 2011). The City of Napa has entered into a multi-year agreement with the County of Napa to provide dispatch services to the County. The agreement term is July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2013. The City of Napa has agreed to provide dispatching services for the Napa County Sheriff Department's Animal Services.

Recommendation #6

Napa Police Chief presents this evaluation report to the Napa City Council.

Response to Recommendation #6

This recommendation has been implemented. The Napa Police Chief presented the conclusion of this evaluation report to the City Council concurrently with the Council's review of this response to the Grand Jury Report on Napa County Animal Control Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Parness, City Manager

cc: Mayor Jill Techel
Richard Melton, Chief of Police
Michael Barrett, City Attorney