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Honorable David De Alba, Presiding Judge  
Sacramento County Superior Court  
720 Ninth Street, Department 47  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Sacramento County Grand Jury Report: Addressing Homelessness in Sacramento County: An Extraordinary Community Challenge**

Dear Judge De Alba:

Pursuant to Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the following specific responses are submitted to you regarding the 2018-2019 Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations on *Addressing Homelessness in Sacramento County: An Extraordinary Community Challenge*.

**Finding 1: There is no formal organizational model being used by the community of organizations that will ensure the most effective use of the critical resources available to be used to address homelessness in Sacramento County.**

**Response to Finding 1:** The City of Sacramento agrees that the community of local governments, working actively with the private sector, should work to identify a more cohesive mechanism for identifying and utilizing the finite resources available to address homelessness. As the grand jury report points out, local leaders have, for several years, been working actively to achieve these ends, but the City recognizes the need for a more formalized model.

**Recommendation 1: The community of organizations working to address homelessness in Sacramento County should initiate a process during Fiscal Year 2019/20 to identify an organizational model that will be responsive to needs expressed by the community. This process should be coordinated by the five primary organizations providing resources to the homelessness effort. They are:**

- County of Sacramento
- City of Sacramento

- **Continuum of Care Advisory Board**
- **Sacramento Steps Forward**
- **Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency**

**Response to Recommendation 1:** The City of Sacramento agrees that the entities identified in this recommendation, along with other local governmental and private entities, should immediately begin to develop an organizational model that has the capacity and authority to approach homelessness in a more unified and cohesive manner. As the grand jury indicated in its report, the City of Sacramento has previously been engaged with other local agencies, public and private, with the purpose of creating a model directed at a unified approach to addressing homelessness throughout the County of Sacramento. The City of Sacramento remains committed to this end and is willing to engage in the dialogue necessary to create such a model with the “community of organizations” identified by the grand jury to develop the model. There remains study and dialogue necessary to ensure the full participation of each of these entities, but the City of Sacramento is committed to identifying that model within six months.

**Finding 2: The leaders and workers in the community of organizations actively working to address the challenges presented by homelessness in Sacramento County have demonstrated an impressive level of both dedication and competence in assisting and supporting the County's homeless population.**

**Response to Finding 2:** The City of Sacramento agrees with this finding.

**Finding 3: A County of Sacramento Homeless Plan to secure NPLH funds was recently developed by the County and adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The plan presents a significant initial strategic direction for addressing homelessness in Sacramento County and many of the organizations providing services and programs for the homeless collaborated with the County on the plan's development and support its direction and implementation.**

**Response to Finding 3:** The City of Sacramento agrees with this finding.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these responses to the grand jury report.

Sincerely,



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