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Re: "Recreational Marijuana: Growing Health Crisis for Sacramento Youth"
Report

Dear Mr. Chan:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Grand Jury, I am writing to follow up on the Final Report of the Grand Jury filed pursuant to Penal Code section 933. In the Final Report, it concludes with a request to the City of Sacramento to respond in a manner and form consistent with the mandate set forth in Penal Code section 933.05.

Pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05, the City of Sacramento was mandated to submit an appropriate response on or before September 30, 2019. As of the date of this letter, we have not received the required response from the City of Sacramento.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please advise the Ms. Castaneda when we should expect your mandated response. This letter is provided to remind you of the City of Sacramento's obligation to comply with Penal Code section 933.05 and to avoid further action on the part of the Grand Jury pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05(d).

If you have any questions regarding the content of the letter or to obtain an example of a conforming response, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Castaneda at castanb.@saccourt.com.

Sincerely,

Mike Howland, Foreperson
2019-2020 Sacramento County Grand Jury

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September 24, 2019

Honorable David De Alba, Presiding Judge
Sacramento County Superior Court
720 Ninth Street, Department 47
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Re: Sacramento County Grand Jury Report – Recreational Marijuana: Growing Health Crisis for Sacramento County Youth?

Dear Honorable David DeAlba:

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the following specific responses are submitted to you regarding the 2018-2019 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations on *Recreational Marijuana: Growing Health Crisis for Sacramento County Youth?*

Finding 1: **Legalization, increased availability, and easy access have led to misconceptions regarding marijuana use, particularly with youth.**

Response to Finding 1: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding.

Finding 2: **There are significant toxicity and health concerns for youth that can lead to diminished academic performance, regressed socialization, and numerous physical and health issues.**

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

Finding 3: **Although many prevention programs and partnerships have been developed to date, additional needs for youth services continue to be identified.**

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

Finding 4: **Although there are some data from the Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), consolidated data from multiple sources would paint a broader picture and help identify focus areas and funding needs for youth services.**

Response to Finding 4: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding.

Finding 5: **While Sacramento County has been admirably proactive in obtaining grant funding for youth prevention, additional funding would allow for more community-based programs and for more direct support to youth in the County's middle and high schools.**

Response to Finding 5: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding and will cooperate with Sacramento County to develop more community-based youth prevention programs.

Finding 6: Since results from the Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) are used for requesting funds and developing prevention programs, improved participation by school districts would benefit county youth and their families.

Response to Finding 6: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding and will cooperate with school districts to develop more community-based youth prevention programs.

Finding 7: To increase awareness, provide a consistent message, and reach a larger audience, schools and other community organizations that serve youth would benefit from presentation materials related to marijuana.

Response to Finding 7: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding.

Finding 8: Since each school district in the County runs its own programs related to alcohol and other drugs, there is a significant variation in the resources available to students and their families throughout Sacramento County.

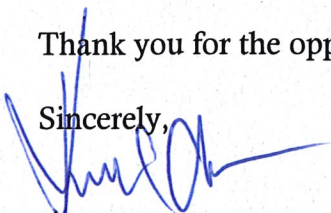
Response to Finding 8: The City of Sacramento agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 2: SCDHS AND SCOE should continue their highly successful collaborations with partners such as Sacramento County Coalition for Youth (SCCY) and the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Arden Arcade (CSHAA). Over the next budget cycle, SCDHS and SCOE should proactively expand partnerships with entities such as school districts, parent-teacher associations, city governments, public health officials, Child Protective Services, and law enforcement.

Response to Recommendation 2: The recommendation has been implemented, as indicated in the Recommendation, and the City, if requested to do so, will collaborate with SCDHS and SCOE to assist in their efforts to continue and expand the above-referenced partnerships.

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

Sincerely,



Howard Chan
City Manager