

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Gangs in Marin County District Attorney

Report Date: May 14, 2008

Response by Edward Berberian, District Attorney

By: _____

FINDINGS

- ♦ I agree with the findings numbered: 9 and 10
- ♦ I disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

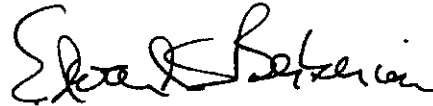
- ♦ Recommendations numbered 1, 2 and 3 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- ♦ Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- ♦ Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.

(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- ♦ Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 07/10/08

Signed: 

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Recommendations numbered R1, R2 and R3 have been implemented. The Marin County District Attorney strongly supports a coordinated approach to confronting the issue of gang violence. This is accomplished by open communication and exchange of information among Marin's law enforcement agencies. Regular meetings occur with law enforcement personnel tasked with this assignment. This office participates in these meetings and is committed to continuing our participation. Current budgetary cutbacks will not curtail this participation.

Education and prevention are the strongest and most effective weapons we have to combat the emergence of gang activity. The Marin County Office of Education and Law Enforcement Partnership is one example of an on-going collaborative partnership of law enforcement, educational and other county-based resources that is prepared to provide educational programs in the schools and to the community at large designed to blunt the influence of gang activity and recruitment.