RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Gangs in Marin

Report Date: May 14, 2008

Response by Town Council, Town of Corte Madera

By:_____

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F9 & F10
- I (we) 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 R2 & R3 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 R1 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: 06/27/08 Signed: [illegible]

Number of pages attached____

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Response By: Michael Lappert Title: Mayor of the Town of Corte Madera

FINDINGS

F9. Law enforcement in Marin takes the control of gangs seriously: training and assigning gang specialists, including school officers; emphasizing both law enforcement and community service; implementing effective strategies and tactics; sharing information regularly across jurisdictions through monthly meetings of an informal task force; and joining together in temporary concentrations of effort.

Response: Agree.

F10. Providing information about gangs is one of the ways of deterring them. Police agencies frequently provide speakers to schools, religious organizations and other community groups to inform them of the nature of gang activity in Marin and what can be done about it.

Response: Agree.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. Cooperative planning and action among Marin's law enforcement agencies concerning control of street gangs, including the informal gang task force, continue to receive strong economic and community support and not be curtailed by the county's anticipated 2008-09 budget reductions.

Response:

While we agree that the informal gang task force should continue, the County must prioritize what needs to be funded with anticipated 2008-09 budget reductions. We will continue to participate with the gang task force.

R2. Irrespective of fiscal constraints and budget cutbacks, current staffing levels of municipal, probation, school and sheriff's officers with gang specialization or responsibility be maintained or increased in 2008-09 to continue the enhancement of public safety in Marin.

Response:

This recommendation has and will continue to be implemented by our police department.

R3. Educational presentations continue to be made by all law enforcement agencies to schools, religious organizations and other community groups to inform the Marin public about gangs and accordingly deter Marin gang activities."

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Date: 06/27/07

Signed: _____
Michael Lappert, Mayor

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June 17, 2008

The Honorable Verna Adams
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Roberta Robinson, Foreperson
Marin County Grand Jury
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Dear Honorable Judge Adams and Foreperson Robinson:

Attached you will find Corte Madera's response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report titled *"Gangs of Marin."* The Town Council reviewed the report and the recommended responses at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 17, 2008.

As required by Sections 933(c), 933.05(a), and 933.05(b) of the California Penal Code, this letter acknowledges receipt of and responds to the April 7, 2008 Marin County Grand Jury report, *"Gangs of Marin."*

Sincerely,

Michael Lappert
Mayor